1974-Branch & Executive Minutes: Socialist League & Forward Group

**items listed only, in archive file binder "Executive and Old Branch Minutes book")*

1974-SL (Forward Group) – Toronto

1974-Feb21	Minutes of Steering Cttee.; possible names for new organization
1974-02Feb25	Minutes of Toronto Assembly: Report on collective resignation from LSA
1974-03Mar3	Minutes of Executive meeting: York U. Election, Women's, Chile, Organization
1974-03Mar5a	Minutes of Toronto Aggregate Meeting: Organizational & Treasurer's report
**1974-Mar7*	*Executive meeting; SL open statement; agenda for aggregate meeting*
1974-03Mar11a	Minutes of Toronto Aggregate: Exec report; Membership, Women's Liberation
1974-Mar14	Executive meeting; Chile, York U. Campus, SL open statement; Aggregate meeting
1974-03Mar18	Minutes of Toronto Aggregate: Executive report, Membership; Chile, Waffle
1974-Mar19	Executive meeting; Chile, Campus, Trade Union, SL officers, LSO split
1974-03Mar25a	Minutes of Toronto Aggregate: LSO split; Executive report, Contact Report
1974-Mar 29	Executive meeting;Officers of SL, Open Statement, Tasks & Perspectives discussion
**1974-Mar30*	*SL (3 p handwritten by RD) Minutes of Trade Union Caucus*
1974-Apr1	Minutes of the SL: Executive report; Educational seminar on Quebec, U.of T.
**1974-Apr4*	*Executive meeting;Educational, NDP reports; Status reports & new business*
**1974-Apr5*	*Minutes of meeting to set up Trade Union operation*
1974-Apr8a	Minutes of the SL: Exec. Report: NDP; Morgentaler Defense
1974-04Apr11	Executive meetings policy; LSA relations, RMG relations, Educationals, Socials
1974-Apr15	Minutes of Branch: Executive report (LSA & RMG), Educational report
1974-Apr20	Executive meeting; May Day; Defense guards, Status reports, anti-Trudeau demo
1974-04Apr20a	Notes for Exec Meeting: Educational Cttee.
1974-Apr22	Minutes of SL General Meeting: Exec Report, Womens Fraction, Educational
**1974-Apr26*	*Executive meeting; Social, Publications Cttees., Trade Union Circle, LSA, Women*
1974-Apr29	Minutes of the SL:Contact Ctte, Exec Report, Women's Report, Educational
1974-May1	*Executive meeting;Contacts & classes, pan-Canadian SL, Morgentalerk defense*
1974-05May6	Minutes of the SL: Morgentaler Defence, Contacts, New Business (misc.)

1974-May12	Executive meeting; Publications; Federal election, Chile
1974-05May13	Minutes of the SL:PLublications Cttee, Latin-American Defence, Educational
**1974-May15*	*Executive meeting; Morgentaler defense; Federal election, Tabloid for election*
1974-05May21	Minutes of the SL: Exec Report: first issue journal, NDP, Morgentaler
1974-May26	Executive meeting; Federal election (tabloid, sub drive) NDP, Morgentaler
1974-05May27	Minutes of the SL:Exec. Report (editorial board), Lambertistes, Morgentaler
1974-May31	Executive meeting; Election tabloid & sub drive, Morgentaler report, membership
**1974-June7*	*Executive meeting;Recruitment policy, personnel, Election, Waffle, Morgentaler. Latin America*
1974-06June12	Minutes of the SL:Exec. Report (membership); Educational, Latin America
1974-06June19	Minutes of the SL:Sub Drive, Morgentaler Defense; Latin America Defense
**1974-June21*	*Executive meeting;Operation & personnel, Recruitment, New Business (child care)*
1974-06June24	Minutes of the SL:Recruitment policy; Contacts, Educational
**1974-June27*	*Executive meeting;Forum on election. Sub drive & Fund Drive, Day Care*
**1974-07July2*	*Minutes of the SL: (miscellaneous)*
**1974-July5*	*Executive meeting;Election Forum, Waffle, Sub Drive, CARAL, Morgentaler*
1974-07July9	Minutes of the SL: Sub drive, Morgentaler, Int. Women's Day, Day Care
**1974-July12*	*Executive meeting;Women's Liberation, Secretary & Exec. Structure, Pamphlet*
1974-07July15	Minutes of the SL: Educational, Douglas (TU) report, Exec. report
**1974-July19*	*Executive meeting;Forward (first issue);Committees, Socials, Contacts*
1974-07July22	Minutes of the SL: Exec. Report; Educational, Social, NDP women's conference
**1974-July26*	*Executive meeting;Forward report by Kent (RD), Financial drive*
1974-07July29a	Minutes of the SL: Exec. Report, Educational, Morgentaler Defence
1974-08Aug5	Minutes of the SL: Educational. Women's report
1974-08Aug6	Educational Cttee. Report
**1974-Aug9*	*Executive meeting;Fund drive, organizational report*
1974-08Aug12a	Minutes of the SL: Forward Fund drive, Day Care; Camp educationals
1974-08Aug12b	Fund Drive report
**1974-Aug15*	*Executive meeting; Fourth International, RSL meeting; UT document, Morgentaler*

1974-08Aug19	Minutes of the SL: Exec. Report (FI), Morgentaler Defence
1974-Aug23	Executive meeting; Campus, RMG, Lambertists, Socialst Women's Conf. Etc.
1974-08Aug26	Minutes of Branch: Educational, Fund Drive, Exec. Report (NDP)
1974-09Sept2	Minutes of Branch: NDP convention report, Educational on Forward, Women
1974-09Sept9	Minutes of Branch: Fund Drive, Sale, ONDP Convention, Educational
**1974-Sept13*	*Executive meeting;Personnel, HQ operation, Recruitment policy, Educationals*
1974-09Sept16	Minutes of Branch: Exec. report (HQ), Membership, Morgentaler, Day Care
**1974-Sept22*	*Executive meeting;Budget, Bookstore/Print Shop; Social & Educational Cttees. Budget Sept. 1 1974 – Aug. 31, 1975; Letter from Morgan re bookstore launch*
1974-09Sept23	Minutes of Branch: Educational, Women's Liberation, NDP
1974-Sept.29	Executive meeting; Staff Oganizer, Fall Conference, Recruitment, Morgentaler, etc.
1974-09Sept30a	Minutes of Branch: Exec. Report, Morgentaler Defence, Educational
**1974-Oct6*	*Executive meeting; Municipal elections (Kent), HQ, Morgentaler defence*
1974-10Oct7a	Minutes of Branch: Attendance (personnel), Exec. Report (municipal election)
1974-10Oct15a	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Educational
**1974-Oct20*	*Executive meeting; Membership & Contacts; Items referred, Morgentaler defence*
1974-10Oct21a	Minutes of Branch: Executive report
**1974-Oct28*	*Executive meeting;Membership & contacts, New Business re Women's org., Waffle*
1974-11Nov4a	Minutes of Branch: NDP report
**1974-Nov10*	*Executive meeting;Membership & contacts; Branch conference, Sparts, Waffle*
1974-11Nov11a	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Branch conference
1974-Nov12	Executive meeting;Waffle discussion policy
**1974-Nov17*	*Executive meeting;SL conference, LSA municipal campaign policy, Waffle (McNally)*
1974-11Nov18a	Minutes of Branch: Executive report (Waffle, LSA municipal)
*1974-Nov19.rtf	Executive meeting; SL conference, Waffle “Leninist faction” expulsion
1974-11Nov19a.	**Conference report:** Balance Sheet & Perspectives by Deutsch (Doctorow)
1974-11Nov24aa	Minutes of SL Branch: Conference agenda (Branch elections, Mortentaler
1974-11Nov24ba	Summary of report of Morgentaler & Abortion work to first SL conference
1974-11Nov24ca	Press Report – Shier (Roberts)

1974-11Nov24da	*SL Conference (report by Art Grey)* : 1. Balance Sheet report by Gord D.
**1974-Nov25*	*Executive meeting; Discussion on SL conference,Middle East forum, Hugo Blanco*
1974-12Dec2a	Minutes of Branch; reports
*1974-Dec8	Executive meeting;Fractions & committees, Waffle expulsion of Morgan (Appendix)
1974-12Dec9a	Minutes of Branch: Reports; Waffle expulsions
1974-12Dec16a	Minutes of Branch: Educationals, NDP report
**1974-Dec29*	*Executive meeting;Waffle meeting proposals, Ste. Catharines, Kitchener-Waterloo*
1974-12Dec30	Minutes of Branch Red report on Waffle & York campus

Minutes of Steering Cttee Mtg ---- Feb. 21, 1974.

Chairperson: Alice, Secretary: Ross.

1. Attendance: Gus, Ross, Jim M., Wayne, Ellie, Gord, Alice, Abie.

2. M/C the movement will meet in full weekly

3. M/C an expediting cttee will be elected to prepare meetings

4. M/C to elect a treasurer
   M/C to elect a secretary who will also be a member of the expediting cttee.

5. M/C membership dues will be $1.00 monthly

6. M/C we will undertake to collect and reproduce all those League documents upon which we stand sufficient ~~of~~ to meet our needs (about 50)

7. Possible names for our new organization:

   Socialist Educational League
   Group
   Organization

   or Socialist Labor League (Group, Organization)

8. M/C to assign someone to find a central, inexpensive headquarters

9. M/C to investigate procuring an offset press to run off internal documents and external circulars -- Jim M. volunteered

10. M/C to recruit rapidly applicants who are LSA/YS members

11. M/C to adopt as our organizational principles the general principles of the constitution of the LSA/LSO until it is rewritten

Minutes of Toronto Assembly Meeting--Feb. 25,1974:

1. Chairperson: Zane Secretary: Gord

2. Present: Gord, Ross, Rozi, Harry P., Alice, Ellie, Abie, Dale, Wayne, Jim M., Pat, John V.B., Julie, Gus, Zane, HarryK., Sabina, Jim C.

3. Absent with reason: Linda, Steve, and Jane
Late with reason: Jim C.

4. Proposed agenda adopted.

5. Introduction to Meeting -- presentation by Ross.

6. Report on reactions to our collective resignation -- presented by Jim M., followed by supplementary discussion.

7. Organization and structure report -- jointly presented by Gord and Wayne
m/c to adopt League for Socialist Action Constitution as a working document for our constitution on the basis of its general principles until we can re-write it

m/c to hold weekly assemblies of the Toronto aggregate

m/c to have the weekly meetings alternating between Mondays and Tuesdays

m/c to adopt $1.00 monthly dues for the membership requirement

m/c to structure a provisional executive body

m/c to have all nominations for the Executive come from the floor rather than as a list from the outgoing Steering Committee

m/c to close nominations

m/c to adopt the following provisional executive: Pat, Alice, Harry K., Wayne, Gord, Ellie, Ross, Gus, Jim M.

m/c to adopt Julie as Treasurer

m/c to adopt the position of Secretary to be included in the Executive

motion: to refer nomination of Secretary to the Exec.
motion defeated

m/c to adopt Gord as Secretary (based on majority vote on secret ballot)

motion: to have a report from Dale on York U. election campaign and defer the rest of the agenda
motion defeated

m/c to refer question of York U. to a meeting between Dale and the Executive

m/c to destroy the ballots of the election for Secretary

Discussion on a name for our organization--consensus on including the terms Socialist and Labor

8. m/c to adjourn the meeting (leaving unresolved the remaining items on the agenda)

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- 3 March 1974:

1. Chairperson: Pat. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: Gord, Pat, Wayne, Ross, Harry K., Ellie, Alice, Gus, Jim M., and Dale.

3. Election Campaign at York U. -- report by Dale
-Dale is running as presidential candidate of the United Left Slate
-informational report on program and composition of ULS
-discussion and questions

4. Women's Liberation -- report by Ellie
-Ellie will speak at the Hamilton Women's Place as our representative

5. Teacher's Report -- by Ross
-critical discussion of line of Teachers Caucus newspaper

6. Chile Work -- By Jim M.
-informational report on the CCLA, Chile tours for the Swedish ambassador and the MIR
-we will fight for the endorsation of the MIR tour in the CCLA (m/c)
-m/c to fight to share the platform with the Swedish ambassador if other tendencies are represented

7. Women's ~~Report~~ Discussion
-m/c to immediately set up a Women's fraction which will choose a co-ordinator consisting of all the women in the movement
-informational items on the Abortion Tribunal in Ottawa and International Women's Day -- ~~consensus~~ agreement that we should get all our available woman cmrdes to attend this event
-m/c to open Women's fraction to close contacts

8. University of Toronto -- report by Alice
-discussion of problems of presenting a united left slate of candidates for the SAC elections
-m/c to set up a campus fraction consisting of cmrdes who are students, faculty, and support staff workers and who will choose their own co-ordinator

9. Organizational Discussion
-~~consensus~~ agreement that Ross will try to get some League documents and Marxist books
-headquarters--~~consensus~~ agreement that we should strive for a temporary, no-lease space big enough to seat us plus a desk (approximately 400 sq. ft.) at roughly about $100-$150 per month
--needs a phone, night-time accessibility, and located near a subway
-offset press investigation--progress report by Jim M.
-m/c to strike off 2 membership co-ordinators to be recommended to the next full membership meeting
-m/c to table discussion on membership committee until next Exec. mtg. with the understanding that Ross and Jim will function in that capacity in the interim
-m/c to table the discussion on a name for our organization with the understanding that in future discussions we will try to keep ~~tempers~~ discussion cool

-m/c to immediately set up an NDP fraction consisting of all NDP cmrdes, who will choose a co-ordinator
-m/c to establish Gus, Jim, and Ellie as our L atin America fraction
-m/c to refer the question of the educational committee till the next Exec. meeting

Minutes of Toronto Aggregate Meeting -- Mar. 5/74

1. Chairperson: Wayne. Secretary: Gord.
2. Minutes: read by Gord
   -m/c to adopt Minutes of Feb. 25
3. Attendance:
   -absent with reason--Rozi, Sabina, Pat, Steve, Dale
   -late with reason--Ellie
   -present--Gord, Wayne, Jane, Jim G., Julie, Zane, Ellie, Alice, John D., Jim M., Abie, Harry P., Harry K., Ross, Gus, Linda.
4. -m/c to hold Toronto aggregate meetings regularly on Monday nights instead of alternating with Tuesday nights.
5. Organizational Name--report on voting procedure by Jim M.
6. Organizational Report--by Wayne
   -m/c to acquire as many copies as possible of LSA documents upon which we stand for internal circulation and for contacts
   -m/c to investigate getting a temporary headquarters located centrally and accessible at night with a guideline of 300-350 square feet (Ross volunteered)
   -m/c to investigate the acquisition of a press or copier for dupl icating and public circulars -- Jim M. assigned to this investigation
   -m/c to adopt policy of rapid recruitment of all LSA/LSO,YS/LJS applicants
   -m/c to have Jim and Ross act as an interim contact committee
   -m/c to allow close contacts to participate in fractions at the discretion of the fractions
   -m/c to adopt NDP, Latin America, Women's, and Campus Fractions with staff, students, and faculty on the Campus Fraction
   -m/c that all woman cmrdes be in the Women's Fraction, and cmrdes in other work areas be in corresponding fractions (Gus, Ellie, and Jim M. constitute the Latin America Fraction)
   -m/c to have fractions adopt their own co-ordinators
   -m/c to defer discussion on educational committee and trade union fraction for one week
7. Reports on Contacts
8. Treasurer's Report--by Julie
   -m/c to have monthly treasurer's reports
   -m/c to have 2 people with cheque-signing powers and who will be knowlegeable about the books (with the understanding that the nomination of the second person be referred to the Executive)
   -m/c to use pseudonyms for our own records
9. Break for dues and pledges
10. Work area reports:

    U. of T.--by Alice
    --letter will be sent to the Varsity deploring the situation on campus concerning the left's inability to get together to form a sl ate

    York U.--by Abie
    --report on United Left Slate and election campaign

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Women's Liberation--by Alice

--Women's Fraction will meet next week
--reports on International Women's Day and the Abortion Tribunal
--report by Ellie on the Hamilton Women's Centre mtg. at whichs she spoke

Waffl e--report by Ellie

-m/c to adopt Socialist League as our organizational name
-m/c to destroy the ballots

trade union--by Linda D.

--on hospital workers organizing developm ents

Chile--by Jim M.

--reports on Swedish ambassador's tour and the MIR tour
--CCLA is having trouble getting sponsors for the ambassador's tour
--m/c to support MIR tour and fight for support in the CCLA
--m/c to fight to share the platform with the Swedish ambassador if the LSA appears on the platform

NDP--by Julie

--informational report on the metro NDP conference
--general evaluation is that there aren't many openings for revolutionaries in the NDP at this time

Minutes of Toronto Aggregate: March 11, 1974.

1. Chairperson: Stuart. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason==Rozi, John V. B., Jim C.

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt Minutes of March 5.

4. Exec. Report == by Mills
m/c to accept the proposed headquarters at 85 King St. E.
m/c that internal educational program consist of seminars on key programmatic questions including organizational questions with very condensed business for those meetings alternating with topical educationals (with the understanding that externals are to be deferred for the interim)

m/c that the educational committee consist of Ashley, Morgan, and Zane

m/c to refer question of York Campus Socialist League to the Executive

m/c to call a meeting of trade union cmrdes to discuss this work area including the possibility of building a broad t.u. caucus and that Kent coordinate this mtg.

report that draft of an open statement of the Socialist League to explain itself publicly is being prepared by Schriebman and Shier fo r presentation to the next aggregate meeting

m/c to have regular Exec. reports for aggregate meetings

agreement that Kent will send a copy of the split statement to the Fourth International I.E.C.

reports by Kent on Lou and Stu as contacts of the SL
m/c to recruit Lou

question of composition of contact committee is deferred until the next meeting

report on Marilyn's approach to Shier about exchanging documents with the LSA
our attitude concerning the circulation of the Shier/Jennings/Levi NDP document in the LSA by members of the LPT is that this has nothing to do with us because we have no control over it == we should inform Marilyn and REggie that CHARLIE is rewriting this document and that premature release of the document in its present form would compromise his efforts

m/c to refer the question of a social

5. Women's Liberation Report == by XXXXX Goldman
report that Goldman was nominated as coordinator of the Women's Fraction by the Fraction
m/c to accept Goldman as coordinator

report on Abortion Tribunal in Ottawa

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report on International Women's Day

fuller assessments will be forthcoming from the Women's Fraction

6. Treasurer's Report == by Goldman
   informational item on dues and pledges

7. Break for dues and pledges and assignment of pseudonyms

8. NDP Educational on Shier/Jennings/Levi document == presented by Schriebman

   questions and discussion

   m/c to excuse Eliza Willis from the meeting

9. Progress Reports

   NDP Provincial Council == informational item on expulsions

   York U. == report by Red

   Teachers == referred to a future meeting

10. New Business:

=Levi reported that he and Willis sold $7 of literature at York U.
=Red reported that the MIR tour sponsored by the RMG has been called off
=Jennings reported that the CP is blocking the MIR tour through their international connections
=m/c to grant a one to two week leave of absence to Goldman

11. Calendar; by Deutsch

12. Adjournment.

Minutes of Executive Meeting--14 Mar. 74:

1. Chairperson: Jennings. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: Lighthouse absent

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of March 7.

4. Tabled Business

-m/c to recommend that Morgan be the assistant treasurer

-m/c to recommend that Shier, Cameron, Lighthouse, and Jennings constitute the contact committee

-m/c to have a broad social event in a comfortable and informal setting in several weeks
-m/c to refer matter of organizing social to the contact committee

-m/c to refer the question of a fund drive to the future

-agreement that our attitude to Labor Action and other left groups be a friendly non-commital relationship without formal internal exchanges and that we will work together with them on a united front basis

5. Chile Discussion
-report on broad support of Swedish ambassador's tour by Jennings
-agreement to push for a representative of the Socialist League to appear on the platform with the ambassador

-m/c to put out a leaflet of the Socialist League on Chile to be distributed to the ambassador's meeting with the understanding that the Latin America fraction will write the draft

6. Forum on York U. Campus
-agreement to proceed to arrange a noon hour meeting with a student chairperson (i.e. a comrade) and a literature table
-m/c to refer the organization of the meeting to the campus fraction

7. Open Statement of the Socialist League
-discussion of draft proposal formulated by Shier and Schriebman
-m/c to refer new draft of statement of Shier and Schriebman for review at the next Executive meeting

8. New Business
-NDP document--m/c to refer the doc. back to the writers for editing suitable for possible future production as a pamphlet
-HQ--next aggregate meeting will be held at the new HQ on Mar. 18
-m/c to table discussion of officers

9. Agenda for Aggregate Meeting
-m/c that educational be a current events run down and that Kent give it with stress on the question of Chile
-m/c that Volpe present Exec. report

10. Next Exec. Mtg.
-m/c to have it on Mar. 19 at the HQ
11. Adjournment

Minutes of Toronto Aggregate Meeting: 18 March 74

1. Chairperson: Levi Secretary: Jennings Sgt-at-arms: Morgan

2. Attendance: absent with reason == Schriebman, Stuart, Zane, Deutsch, Roz

3. Executive Report: by Volpe
=m/c that Morgan be assistant treasurer
=m/c that Contact Committee be Shier, Lighthouse, Cameron, and Jennings
=m/c to approve the holding of a broad social in homelike surroundings
=report on Labor Action==our attitude to them should be friendly and cool
=report on forum at York U. to be held next week on Wed. or Thurs. dealing with the concepts of the Red University
=report on progress of Public Statement of the SL
=report on progress of NDP document
=m/c that tonight's educational be on world topical events to be presented by Kent

4. Membership and Contacts
=report by Ashley that Stu and Bill M. are bringing D.P. to us
=report on Walter B. == developing serious reservations about the concept of the Leninist Party
=report by Ashley that there is a split in the LSO (informed rumor)
=report by Kent that Stu is a friendly, live contact who is approaching us and is willing to work in a formation like VLAC
=m/c to accept Zane's resignation with regret
=no discussion has taken place with Lou concerning his Joining the SL
=m/c to refer question of LSO split to the Executive

5. Women's Fraction: report by Smith
=report on discussions taking place in the Women's Fraction==still in the initial and formative stage
=discussions will attempt to investigate the various areas of Women's Liberation in order to arrive at a general strategy and focus

6. Chile: report by Jennings
=m/c to send letter of protest to LSA because of its omission of sponsorship of revolutionary organizations on CCLA meeting for Swedish ambassador

7. Educational on British Labor Pary==presented by Kent

8. Waffle Conference:
=report on discussions at last weekend's Waffle conference relating to Waffle's attitude to tendencies and factions, other left groups, the NDP, trade union affiliation to the NDP, and slate for CLC convention
=m/c to refer Waffle discussion to the Executive

9. New Business:
=m/c to replace Zane with Levi on the educational committee
=m/c to buy a coffee urn, cookies, and fruit

10. Adjournment

Minutes of Executive Meeting: 19 March 74

1. Chairperson: Mills. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason == Ashley

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of March 14

4. Chile Report: by Jennings
=report on SL statement for Edelstrom meeting
=emphasis should be on unity, Canadian Complicity, and explanation of the facts
=m/c to refer the rewrite of the leaflet to the Latin American Committee

5. Campus Fraction:
=progress report on the York U. meeting for the Socialist League
=agreement to emphasize our opposition to CPL=led attacks against the right to speak by racist professors

6. Trade Union: by Kent
=agreement on concept of building a broad, socialist trade union caucus which is open to other tendencies and which will be established so broadly that other tendencies will not be able to block their trade unionists from getting involved
=basic character would be similar to the VIAC of the LSA, i.e. a forum for socialist trade unionists with no binding discipline
=proposal to have Kent approach individuals and dissidents of other tendencies to have a preliminary meeting
=m/c to refer proposal to the next meeting of the aggregate

7. Open Statement of the SL:
=m/c to refer final writing of statement to Shier and Schriebman with the understanding that they will review the part on Canadian Nationalism to make sure that it is formulated within the framework of our resignation statement
=statement will be prepared for Monday

8. SL Officers
=m/c to adopt as officers the positions of executive secretary, orga= nizational secretary, and chairman
=m/c that Kent be chairman and Jennings be organizational secretary
=m/c to table the question of the executive secretary
=m/c that Deutsch assume the role of organizer of the Toronto aggregate

10. LSO Split
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=m/c to send Morgan to Quebec to make a foray to find out details of the split and talk to the splitters if possible with the understanding that this would go ahead only if we did not receive more authoritative reports indicating that the individuals involved were ~~of little impor=~~ ~~tance~~ not amenable to our influence.

11. Letter to LSA on Chile
=m/c that Jennings and Deutsch draft a letter of protest to the LSA for omitting the names of revolutionary organizations on the list of sponsors

12. Waffle:
=m/c to refer Waffle discussion to the educational cttee.

13. Adjournment

Minutes of Toronto Aggregate Meeting -- March 25, 1974:

1. Chairperson -- Smith. Secretary -- Deutsch. Sgt-at-arms -- Jennings.

2. Attendance-- Schriebman, Stuart, and Steve absent with reason.

3. Minutes -- read by Deutsch
-m/c to adopt minutes of March 18.

4. Agenda -- m/c to adopt proposed agenda.

5. LSO Split -- report by Kent (not favorable for our intervention)
-split seems to be ~~insignificant~~ and therefore it wasn't worth the expense to send Morgan to Montreal to investigate

6. Executive Report -- by Deutsch
-report on proposal within exec. to establish the posts of exec. sec., chairman, and org. sec.
-m/c to table discussion on posts till next aggregate meeting

-m/c to refer the question of setting up a Vanguard Labor Action Committee (VLAC) to the trade union committee in order to move forward in establishing a meeting of radicals to initiate such a forum

-m/c to oppose CPL's attack against the right to speak of racist professors on the grounds that such action isolate the left and are ineffective in fighting against racism

-report on CCLA involvement in setting up the Swedish ambassador's tour and discussion of the meeting itself
-m/c to adopt the general line of G.F.'s letter of protest on Chile work to the LSA

-discussion of upcoming ONDP convention and the kinds of resolutions we should be putting forward in the ridings

-m/c to excuse Ashley

-m/c to refer SL public statement to the Exec.

-m/c to refer the discussion on Waffle to the Educational Cttee.

7. Contact Committee Report -- by Cameron
-report on progress of organizing contact work
-proposal to concentrate our contact work on Trotskyists for the next while
-proposal that Red proceed with recruitment talks with Colin at York U.
-proposal to order some Waffle-type literature from Hog Town Press
-m/c to have a social on April 13 at the church hall where the RMG held its last social -- theme of social is a get-acquainted party with a bar, band, and food, $2 admission which includes food, entertainment and 1 free drink
-m/c to adopt report as a whole
-m/c to refer the putting on of a skit or some other form of political entertainment to the contact cttee.

8. Educational Report -- by Levi
-m/c to adopt formats for internals as follows: topical educationals -- 20 min. presentation and 20 min. discussion; seminars -- 1½ hrs. of discussion with 1 or 2 discussion leaders and readings outlined in advance and business part of meeting very condensed
-m/c that Levi be assigned the post of Educational Coordinator
-m/c to table question of seminar on the Jewish Question for a future discussion

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-m/c to have next week's internal as a seminar on Quebec to be jointly prepared by Kent and Morgan

9. Calendar -- by Deutsch.

10. Adjournment

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- 29 March 1974:

1. Chairperson -- Jennings. Secretary -- Deutsch.

2. Attendance -- Lighthouse absent with reason
   - m/c to seat Stuart

3. Minutes -- by Deutsch
   -m/c to adopt minutes of March 19.

4. Officers of the Socialist League
   -m/c to settle question of Executive Secretary at this meeting
   -m/c that position of Executive Secretary be the full time staff position toward which we are moving to establish and that this person would be the leading political spokesperson of the Socialist League
   -m/c that [redacted] Deutsch be Exec. Sec.
   -m/c to propose to branch that G. Deutsch be Toronto organizer
   -m/c to table discussion on posts of Organizational Sec. and Chairman

5. Open Statement of The SL
   -m/c that statement be referred back to authors to solve editing problems with Deutsch to be added to the editing cttee.

6. SL Mailing to Contacts -- by Jennings
   -informational report on mailing for SL social

7. VLAC
   -m/c to authorize Kent and Cameron to initiate VLAC formation

8. Tasks and Perspectives Discussion -- by Shier
   -m/c that ed. cttee. set up external discussions in the next month in the form of classes for our periphery
   -m/c to establish a Publications Committee to investigate all aspects of setting up a publications operation
   -m/c to assign the following cmrdes to the Publications Cttee: Morgan, Kent, Jennings, Shier, and Lighthouse

9. Adjournment.

Toronto Meeting of the SL -- 1 April 1974:

1. Chairperson -- Willis. Sgt-at-arms -- Jennings.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Cameron, Stone, Robur, Goldman, Lighthouse, Schriebman, and Stuart.

3. Membership and Contacts -- by Deutsch
-m/c to accept White's membership into the SL

4. Minutes -- by Deutsch
-m/c to adopt minutes of March 25/74
-m/c to table the question of the organizational designation of the Toronto grouping of the Sociallist League

5. Executive Report -- by Deutsch
-motion to table the question of officers of the SL -- this motion was defeated
-m/c to accept Deutsch as Executive Secretary ofthe SL
-m/c to refer the question of who should be the recording secretary for branch meetings to the Executive Cttee.
-m/c to establish the post of Toronto Organizer and that Deutsch beassigned to this post
-m/c to adopt informational repoit on the mailing for the upcoming social
-m/c to adopt as information the Executive report on VLAC
-m/c to adopt as information the Executive report on the establishment of a Publications Cttee. to investigate all aspects of setting up our external publications and the personnel assigned -- Kent, Shier, Jennings, Lighthouse,and Morgan

6. Break for dues and pledges.

7. Educational seminar on Quebec -- presented by Kent
-M/c to have the next seminar on Quebec with a presentation from Morgan dealing with the labor question in Quebec

8. New Business:
-report by Red on the York U. election campaign and the forum on the Red Univers ity
-educational report by Levi-- next meeting's educational is a topical educationl whose topic is a reply to Uli Diemer's attack vs. Trotskyism that was published in the Varsity to be presented by Levi -- proposal adopted
-U. of T. report by Shier-- Alice and Wayne are distributing their unpublished letter to the editor on the Banfield affair as a leaflet
-m/c to put out a leaflet on energy resources at the Waffle meeting on the weekend and that Kent take charge of writing it

9. Calendar and Adjournment

Minutes of Socialist League Meeting April 8/74

Chairperson: Rael

Secretary: Deutsch nominated Cameron to be permanent secretary. Cameron elected.

Sgt at Arms: Margaret Smith.

Minutes: Minutes read + adopted for April 1st.

Exec. Report: Reporter Deutsch

- N.D.P. Reported that 17 comrades are members of the N.D.P.
  Four are going to the Provincial Convention as delegates or alternates.
- N.D.P. fraction nominates J. Goldman as coordinator.

M/C to concur with this nomination.

- Reported that N.D.P. is picking up members again and recomended that some comrades who are not delegates go to Sudbury.

M/C to accept the report.

- LITERATURE. M/C. that Eliga Willis be Literature Convenor

M/C that a rotating fund be established for literature of approx. $150.00

MAY DAY: Discussions being held with L.S.A + R.M.G. re a joint meeting.

Morgentaler Defense: Report by Kenneth Mills.
Committee continues to lack broad participation.

Social: Cameron reported everything going well.

T.U.: Chaplan Reporting.

Plans going ahead to build a caucas, probably to be known as the Trade Union Circle, of Trotskyist and sympathizing unionists.

M/C to accept the report.

Treasurer's Report: J. Goldman gave report ~~for month~~.

M/C to accept the report. (attached) as information

Education: Report by Levi

Three topics proposed for future Spring forums.

1. Revolutionary Strategy & N.D.P.
2. Cdn. Nationalism where it is going.
3. Cdn. Trotskyism in Perspective

M/C. to adopt the concept of the forums and the general direction of the topics.

New Business: delete { Deutsch reported M. J. has resigned from L.S.A.

Volpe reported on Waffle meeting on Energy Crises.

Calendar Read:

Adjournment: 10:30 p.m.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- April 11, 1974:

1. Chairperson: Schriebman. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Ashley, Lighthouse
   -Shier will be late
   -m/c to seat Levi

3. Minutes -- by Deutsch
   -m/c to adopt minutes of April 4.

4. Executive Meetings
   -m/c to adopt the following policy regarding attendance at Exec. Mtgs:

   -Exec. Mtgs are neither open nor closed to non-exec. cmrdes
   -non-exec. cmrdes who wish to attend exec. mtgs should inform the Exec. Sec. in advance
   -non-exec. cmrdes who wish to attend should attend for a reason, e.g. to give a report, to put forward a view on a current discussion, etc. and this should be cleared with the Exec. Sec.
   -cmrdes who are not members of the exec. but are attending an exec. mtg. will be seated as observers, ie. to be given voice at the discretion of the chair
   -this policy is not to exclude the participation of any cmrdes of the mvmt in the questions being deliberated within the exec. but rather to provide a functioning, normal framework for conducting discussions within the exec.

   -m/c that the policy of the SL be that all files of the mvmt are open to the scruting of any member of the mvmt, but under the supervision of cmrdes entrusted with access to the files in order to assure the orderliness of the files for ongoing use

5. Relations With The LSA
   -LSA's reply to the letter of protest on the conducting of the Edelstam meeting was read
   -m/c to send a letter of reply to the LSA's letter denying the idea that the SL approved in any way the manner in which the public sponsorship of the meeting was handled
   -report by Deutsch on discussions of holding a united May Day with the LSA and RMG
   -m/c to send a cmrde to attend a meeting called by the RMG to discuss a common May Day action -- with the direction that the SL would accept a proposal for a common rally as opposed to a demonstration

6. Letter to Labor Challenge protesting John Riddells's statement about our resignation from the LSA:
   -progress report -- Levi wrote a draft

7. Relations With the RMG
   -discussion of RMG's leaflet calling for the formation of a permanent defense guard
   -m/c to oppose the concept of permanent defense guards and to respond to requests for marshalling assistance to defend mtgs. of the left when needed

8. Educational Committee -- report by Levi
   -m/c to hold forums on Sun. evenings and that we hold forums on the following three dates: April 28, May 12, and May 26
   -m/c that the topics, in order, be:
   Canadian Unionism, the NDP, and Canadian Trotskyism To-day with Pat S. speaking on the NDP and Ross D. speaking on Canadian Trotskyism
   -m/c that first forum be held at our HQ

9. SOcial Report -- by Jennings
   -progress report

10. Referrals:
   -m/c to refer discussions on the Publications Cttee, the lit. sales operation, and problems of the pan-Canadian SL to the next Exec. mtg.

Reconstituted Minutes of SL Branch Meeting -- April 15, 1974:

1. Secretary: Red.

2. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of April 8/74.

3. Executive Report -- by Deutsch
-m/c to adopt executive recommendations on policy for attendance at exec. meetings by non-exec. cmrdes
-m/c to adopt executive recommendation on access to movement files by comrades
-m/c to send a letter of reply to the LSA CO concerning the SL protes t of the LSA's handling of the Edelstam meeting -- reply is to deny that the SL in any way approve d the actions taken by the LSA that we protested
-m/c to send a cmrde to attend a meeting called by the RMG for a united front May Day event
-m/c to oppose the concept of permanent defense guards proposed by the RMG and agree to respond to requests for marshalling assistance to defend mtgs. of the left when needed

4. Educational Report -- by Levi
-m/c to hold forums on Wed. evenings beginning either on May 1 or May 8 with each forum following 2 weeks after the previous
-m/c to adopt as topics: Canadian Unionism and The SL View of the NDP
-m/c to refer to the educational cttee the question of a forum on Trotskyism and the place and times of the forums
-m/c that ~~form~~ first forum be held in an outside hall

5. Break for dues and pledges.

6. Educational

7. Calendar.

8. Adjournment.

Minutes of the Executive Meeting -- April 20, 1974:

1. Chairperson: Ashley. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason--Jennings, Schriebman, Volpe, Lighthouse, Mills.

3. May Day
-report by Deutsch on progress of RMG's organizing for a broad, united May Day action
-our attitude is to press RMG to establish what progress is being made

4. Educational Committee
-report by Deutsch on the forum lineup
agreement to accept educational committees proposals on the forum lineup

5. Defense Guards
-agreement to send 2 cmrdes to Defense Guard mtg organized by RMG and other groups to take place at the International Student Centre
-Kent and Ashley volunteered to go as representatives of the Socialist League

6. Status Reports
-agreement to send out a leaflet on public housing for the Wed night meeting on the debate over the metro centre proposal -- Volpe and Shier to handle the writing of the leaflet
-CLA--meeting to take place on Tuesday at the International Student Centre of the CLA
--we should sent a couple of cmrdes to attend (Mills and Jennings)
-Lambertists--recommendation that educational cttee schedule discussions on Labor Action's views
--agreement to assign Deutsch, Kent, and Ashley to investigate Labor Action's positions and carry on discussions (formally) at a later date
-agreement to collaborate with RMG in response to their request for an anti-Trudeau demo
-Trade Union Circle reported by Kent to be progressing well and receiving broader participation at the upcoming meeting

7. Meeting Adjourned.

Notes for Executive Meeting — April 20, 1974:

1. Educational Committee

--set of recommendations coming out of ed. cttee. mtg. of Tues. April 16

-FORUMS: this discussion was referred back to the ed. cttee. by the last branch meeting to solve the question of dates, speakers, and review the question of a forum on Trotskyism with Ross speaking

-the proposed lineup is as follows: May 8—Canadian Unionism with Ross speaking
May 22—Our Revolutionary Strategy and the NDP—with Gord speaking
June 5—The SL's Strategic View of Women's Liberation with Ellie speaking

-motivation behind this set of proposals is that Wed. nights are the best times for holding forums, that the forum series has to be limited to 2 or 3 before the summer begins when we will be holding our class series, May 8 is a good starting date in that it gives us time to prepare and doesn't conflict with May Day

-the Cdn Unionism forum has already been motivated, but the choice of speakers is a new proposal; Ross is proposed to speak instead of a panel (panel discussion was to have dealt with a broad range of union questions) and to present a discussion which is more directly focused on the debate on Canadian union autonomy and independence — it was felt that Ross was best equipped to handle this topic

-the NDP forum also had been well motivated; it was felt that I as part of my role as exec. sec. should begin to present our politics at a forum

-on the W.L. forum proposal, while it was felt that there exist differences in emphasis on the tactical plane among us, there is no substantial difference on the strategic question, i.e. that feminism is radical with an anti-capitalist thrust, that all women are oppressed, that we disagree with the Waffle and RMG on the narrow orientation to women in the work force (which is really a rejection of the youth radicalization as is the anti-campus politics attitude of these 2 groups), and that it is necessary to portray our overall approach to the women's question even in the absence of an internal discussion which could settle tactical nuances (we can tolerate some open discussion of these questions at a forum — unlike the so-called dem. cent. of the LSA); furthermore, this is a topic of some importance insofar as it deals with key aspects of the current radicalization, our transitional program, and permits us to have at least one forum with a woman spokesperson (also, we rarely have such forums on W.L. — probably lacking for several years) ; the proposal that Ellie speak is based on her extensive experience in this milieu, her sophistication on this question, and the fact that she is being projected as Women's Lib. coordinator. now elected

-rejection of Trotskyism forum is based on our not being able to see how our contacts would benefit from such a fray, doubt that we are prepared for such a debate at this stage — this topic could be worked into our class series which will be more restricted in attendance or to a forum in the fall

-proposal that we call the forums The Socialist Forum — apparently used in the Canadian left at an earlier period

-proposal that we have a semi-public character to the forums, ie. main purpose is to draw around our periphery and contacts, not make big inroads into the entire left, e.g. we could foresee that an optimistic figure for non-SL attendees would be 30 people

-proposal that we hold the Socialist Forum in a room at OISE and that we work through Wayne to reserve it

-BRANCH EDUCATIONALS: the ed. cttee. tried to synchronize as far as possible the internal educational program with the forum program and with the most urgent needs of cmrdes' political education

-the proposed lineup is as follows:

Apr.22--seminar on Quebec with Morgan speaking
Apr.29--topical educational on Canadian Unionism with Chaplan speaking (motivation is that this would be useful to have in advance of the forum and that Chaplan is a developing unionist that we want to train and build up)
May 6--seminar on the theory of nationalism--the Marxist Tradition to be presented by Lighthouse and Shier
May 13--topical educational -- no proposal yet
May 20--seminar on the debate on nationalism between Horowitz and Mandel to be presented by Levi
May 27--topical educational -- no proposal yet
June 3--seminar on the NDP based on the 1970 document and the new document -- no proposal for speaker yet

2. Social Committee
-this question was referred to the exec. out of the last branch meeting
-motivation centres around the necessity to have a sustained coordinate d social effort to handle such things as music and entertainment, leaflet and poster, decorations, raffles, program, receive suggestions, special events such as poetry readings or skits or dinners, and to coordinate each event in terms of setup, cleaup, M.C., timing, bar, lit. table, coordination with contact work, etc.
-thus, although a great deal of administrative effort is involved, the social cttee. will have a political responsibility for projecting our political line and bringing out our developing periphery
-the first purpose of the social ctte is political, i.e. to project the SL politically and other things such as administrative work and money raising are secondary to this goal: of course, we would anticipate the success on the latter two fronts would be essential to the success of the political front
-the committee has to be able to establish, under the guidance of the movement and in particular its leadership, a set of policies and a method of operation
-we should try to involve a balance of comrades -- older and newer, male and female, those skilled in setting up entertainment and music and those interested in cultural activity -- the result will be that the social cttee will be the place that cmrdes can go for all their suggestions and that an ongoing team effort will develop
of course, all cmrdes will participate in the work involved in socials and special events but under the direction and organization of the social cttee.
-proposal for the ctteee is: Jennings (food, music, and organization), Cameron (food, contacts, and setup), Schriebman (plays, skits, drama, and political themes), Stone (woman, cultural, and method of getting integrated), and Willis (woman, getting integrated and being involved with a group of cmrdes most of whom she knows--quite able to play a role in this area)

3. Status Reports
-May Day--RMG still trying to pull together a broad action and to get back to us by this weekend
-defense guards -- report from Walter
-CUPE-fraction meeting with LSA this weekend

Minutes of SL General Meeting April 22/74

Chair White, Sec Cameron, Sgt at Arms Jennings.

Minutes - misslaid - to be read at next meeting.

Exec Report (Deutch)
(1) Committee of Ashley, Kent, Deutch struck off to have organized discussion with Labor Action people. M/C accepted.
(2) May Day - Everything still up in air about joint meeting with other left groups. LSA definitly not participating - we are continuing to discuss with RMG about possibilities. M/C file for information.
(3) Joint defence meeting - We have been asked to participate in a meeting to discuss joint defence marshalling for left meetings. M/C Ashley and Kent attend.

Womens Fraction Report (Volpe)
M/C to endorse Volpe as coordinator
(1) discussion of WL documents starting
(2) assignments of work in area being made
(3) discussion continuing on problems of Morgenthaler defence.
M/C to file for information

Educational Committee (Levi)
(1) Forums - Canadian National Unionism, Wed May 8, Speaker [redacted] R. DOWSON.
- Socialist Strategy and the NDP, Wed May 22, Speaker [redacted] G. DOCTOROW.
- Womens Liberation and Socialism, Wed June 5, Speaker [redacted]s. C KIRZNER
M/C that we adopt topics and speakers
M/C that we book St Pauls Avenue Road United Church Hall for these forums
M/C that forums be known as "The Socialist Forum"
(2) Internal, April 29, Cdn National Unions, speaker Red
M/C to adopt speaker and topic

Educational - Morgan on Quebec - Seminar

New Business
M/C that Morgan and Kent be stuck off to start work on Quebec document
Progress report on Trade Union Circle
Chaplan reports his local has voted for strike

Calander read

Adjournment 10.30

Minutes of Socialist League Meeting, April 29/74.

Chairperson: E. Volpe.

Secretary: Cameron.

Sgt. at Arms: ~~Lighthouse.~~ Jennings.

Attendanne: Stone, Willis Ashley, Mills, Chaplan, absent with reason.

Minutes: April 15 minutes mislaid.
M/C that an attempt be made to reconstruct them.
Minutes of April 20 read and adopted.

Contact Bommittee: Report by Shier
Promising situation with new contacts.
M/C that we refer to the contact committee the question of special classes for close contacts.

St. Catherines LSA holding new headquarters opening on May 4, requesting that we send a speaker and participants.
M/C that the matter be refered to the executive.

M/C to adopt the report.

Exec. Report: Report by Deutsch

Social Committee: Executive recomends that we set up a regular social committee and makes the following nominations: Cameron, Stone, Shriebman, Willis and Smith. Those comrades elected.

Trade Union Circle: Report by Cameron on success of first meeting
M/C to adopt. Prevailing mood one of unity.
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Defense Guard: Report by Kent
M/C to adopt.

Women's Report: Report by Volpe.
Morgentaler defense setback by Quebec Supreme Court.
Morgentaler Defense Comm. ~~LSA~~ schedualling a demonstrating for Saturday.
M/C That all comrades who are able should be there.

CARAL holding a demonstration in Ottawa May 9 Mills and Smith going.

Report on some specific interventions of women comrades.

Educational Report: Report by Levi.
Internal, Marx and Engels on nationalism is the topic of next weeks seminar.

External, Study sessions to be held in conjunction with forums.

M/C to adopt the report.

Educational: Red on Cdn. national unionism.

New Business: TCLPAC meeting on Sunday on the Middle East. M/C that we intervene with a leaflet. Deutsch and Levi to prepare.

Adjournment: 10:50 p.m.

Meeting of the Socialist League May 6/74 Minutes

Chairperson: Mills.

Secretary: Cameron.

Sgt. at Arms: Smith.

Attendance: Absent with reason, Robur, Rachel Stone.

Minutes: Minutes for April 29 adopted as amended.

Morgentaler Defence: Report by Kent.
Demonstration very poorly organised - no attempt to mobilise broad forces. Volpe intervention very good.

Contacts and Classes: Report by Lighthouse.
Study classes for a number of close contacts starting soon with recruitment as the aim.
Two of these contacts have already applied to join.
M/C to adopt the report.

Educational report: Report by Morgen
M/C Ashley nominated to give educational on the Lambertists next week.

Literature: Report by Willis.

Tresurers report: Report by Goldman.
Continuing new expenses require continuing finances.

Educational: Seminar discussion of Marx and Engels views on Nationalism.

New Business: Deutsch reported on TCLPAC film on the Middle East.
Our intervention with leaflet and speakers an unqualified success.

Volpe reported on the Spartistist meeting called to plan action for Chilean defence.
Chilean fraction to meeti and plan whatever intervention might be necessary.

Report on St Catherines LSA social.

Report on Waffle social.

Report on forthcoming first Socialist Forum.
M/C that Ashley Chair the Forum.
M/C that we take up a collection at the Forum.

M/C that the regularly schedualled meeting of the SL for May 20 be moved to May 21.

Calendar read.

Adjournment: 10:35.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- May 12, 1974:

1. Chairperson: Ashley. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Shier, and late -- Lighthouse.

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt exec. minutes of May 1/74.

4. Budget:
-report by Deutsch
-outline of anticipated expenses and income -- generally looks favorable from the budgetary point of view
-m/c to adopt the report as information

5. Publications Committee
-projection of the publication of a pamphlet on the NDP coming out of the common document put together by Shier, Levi, and Jennings
-recommendation is to put out this pamphlet with a cover and bibliography and about 32 pages in length at an approximate, primary cost of $75 to be published under the pseudonyms of the comrades who produced the document
-m/c to adopt the recommendation with the proviso that the pamphlet would not be published as a document of the SL (because it has not been discussed or voted upon by the movement) but rather as a general contribution to the discussion in the left on the question of the NDP and under the name of an assumed publishing distributorship which the SL would generally use
-report on the Publications' Cttee's discussion on the character of a journal for the SL

6. Federal Election
-information: both the RMG and the Waffle are running candidates in the election
-m/c to table the question of our giving support to Waffle candidates until we can determine if the Waffle is going to carry an anti-NDP line, which we would oppose
-m/c to open up the discussion to the membership concerning the timing of initiating the journal of the SL, the character of the journal, within the framework of the possibilities afforded by the federal election

7. Chile -- by Jennings
-Spartacist-called meeting to form a united front to defend the Chilean prisoners was attended by only the RMG, LSA, SL, and Spartacist League indicating that this operation is not connected to viable forces for a mobilization
-report on CLA meeting--attended by 5 LSAers, Jennings, 2 RMGers
--proposal for united front ad hoc meeting in one week to plan a demonstration for the Chilean political prisoners was adopted
-report on RMG meeting on tour of Brazillian officials in Canada and setting up of a meeting to discuss the possibility of a demonstration
-m/c to adopt the reports
-m/c to refuse the Spartacists' request to provide defense guards for their demonstration

8. Adjournment.

Minutes of the Socialist League, May 13/74

Chairperson: Red

Secretary: Cameron

Sgt. at Arms: Kent

Attendance: A/R Goldman, Ashley, Jennings, Schreibman, Stone, Levi, Stuart.

Minutes: Minutes for May 6, read and adopted.

Exec. Report: Report by Deutsch.
Publications Committee, M/C to go ahead with the publication of the Jennings, Shier and Levi pamphlet.
NDP. General report on our position as we enter the election period.
There were four proposals from the Executive:
(1) M/C that we continue to work in our ridings.
(2) M/C that we delay taking a position on support for the Waffle campaign until we see their concrete program on the NDP.
(3) M/C that the question of support for the RMG be refered to the Executive.
(4) M/C that a discussion be opened up on a publication for the election.
Extensive discussion followed.
M/C that the discussion continue next week.

Latin-American Defence: Report by Deutsch.
Spartacist meeting just dissolved.
CLA planning demo of a united front charater.
RMG planning united front defence action on Brazil.
M/C to adopt the report.

Educational Report: Report by Morgen.
Internal. M/C that internal on the [illegible] Lambertists be postponed until after our discussions with them.
The following topics and speakers adopted:
Tuesday May 21 NDP and the Election
Speaker: Mills.
Monday May 27 Discussion on NDP orientation, taking off from the pamphlet being published.
Speakers: Goldman & Stone.
Monday [illegible] June 3, Lenin and Trotsky on Nationalism.
Speakers; Shreibman & Levi.
External. Shier to replace Deutsch as forum speaker.

Classes. M/C to refer to the Executive.

Forum. Report on the last forum given by Deutsch.

New Business: Marxist Institute starting classes this week some comrades attendin g
Report on South Vietnam Political Prisioners Rally.
Report on Womens Place Benefit.

Calendar Read:

Adjournment 10:45.

Minutes of the SL, May 21/74

Meeting convened 8.10pm. Chair/Morgan, Sec/Jennings, Sgt of Arms/Lighthouse.

Minutes read and adopted.

Executive report/Deutch.
Recommendations for first issue of journal-
M/C that it be in tabloid format
M/C that it be 8 pages centered on the election but clearly defining our tendancy
M/C that this decision is for the first issue only and and does not determine the format of future issues
M/C that we make an intensive sub drive to establish a sub base
Report on RMG and Waffle candidate nominations
M/C to accept this report

NDP report/Goldman
Fraction meeting Friday - inviting some outside people who share our views. Emphasis will be on participation in NDP election campaign. Each comrade should take one poll in their riding and work in Committee rooms. This opportunity requires a division of labor between closed and open comrades.
M/C aceepted as information

Morgenthaler/Volpe
A new stage has been reached, Morgenthaler is still in jail and the judge has defered sentence pending the Supreme Court hearing.
SA proposed a conference of activists this Saturday - our counterproposal was a rally. The synthesis was to hold a rally to prepare an activist conference. Mailing of 900 has gone out. The platform of the rally is not set. We will push for NDP speakers. Meeting is at Ryerson, Jorgenson Hall.
M/C to endorse this report
M/C we ask committee to sent a speaker to make a brief presentation to our forum Wednesday
M/C we focus on getting ad in Star

Educational report/Levi
Short report on progress. There are no new proposals. Reading lists and a mimeoed contribution on nationalism by Levi were distributed. Lighthouse to chair forum.
M/C accepted as information

Contact report/Lighthouse
Recruitment classes off to a good start.
M/C accepted as information

Educational - Mills on NDP and the election

Newbusiness
m/c That the question of an editorial committee be refered to the executive.

Calendar read

Adjourned at 11.10pm

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- May 26,1974:

1. Chairperson: Deutsch. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Ashley, Schriebman, Lighthouse.

3. Minutes
-m/c to adopt minutes of May 15 as amended

4. Federal Election
-election tabloid
-m/c to recommend that the provisional editorial board for the election tabloid be the comrades of the Publications Committee, ie. Kent, Shier, Lighthouse, Morgan, Jennings
-m/c to recommend that the provisional editor of the election tabloid be Kent, as an emergency procedure
-m/c to present to the branch the following names for the title of our paper: The Militant, Forward, The Socialist; then refer this question back to the exec. for a worked out presentation for a vote at the next branch meeting
-Jennings excused to attend recruitment class
-sub drive
-essence of tabloid issue is to launch a sub base for our future publication
-m/c to recommend that the quota per comrade for the sub drive be 10
-m/c to recommend that Lighthouse be circulation and business manager and therefore sub drive coordinator
-m/c to recommend that we issue sub blanks for the drive and that the sub rate be 6 issues for $1.00 with individual copies costing $0.20
-m/c to accept the proposition that cmrdes who need money would be able to live off the proceeds from full-time door-to-door sub sales
-NDP report
-primary task is for cmrdes to get into the NDP election work with a view to moving positively around contacts
-cmrdes will get our views to contacts through our paper sales
-unlike Labor Challenge, we are not going to falsely attack the NDP's program or take it on in any way

5. Report on Discussions With the Lambertists
-informational reports by Kent and Deutsch

6. Morgentaler Defense Work
-informational report and assessment -- to be presented to branch as a simple informational report

7. Status Reports
-report on meeting for non-Zionist Jews -- our position is to stall getting actively involved at this time

8. New Business
-discussion on Maurice F. -- our attitude to him should be cool and detached

9. Adjournment

MINUTES OF SOCIALIST LEAGUE - May 27, 1974

Chairperson: Hugh D.
Sgt.at Arms: Kent
Temp Secretary: Morgan.

Attendance: Absent with reason: John V. Roz, Gus, Pat, Wayne, Jane
Minutes: Of previous meeting held over, not available.
Exec. Report: Gord reporting.
P/A That the provisional editorial board be composed of present members of Pub. Board Committee, Comrades Kent, Wayne, Morgan, Alice and Jennings.
P/A that the provisional editor for this issue be Kent.
P/A that we hold a sub drive in conjunction with the first issue, that the quota be 10 subs per comrade, that we have a sub campaign co-ordinator; that this post befilled by Levi.
P/A that we approve the principle of any comrades wishing to sell subs and sustaining themselves on proceeds as necessary.
It was agreed that we open discussion on name of the paper .
P/A that we confirm the concept of an 8-page tabloid for the first issue.
Agreed to take a concensus vote on 3 groups of names at present, and that Linda D. be responsible for informing comrades not present of names for discussion at next meeting.

Gord reported on discussion with Lambertistes tendency.
Gord also reported on meeting with group of ~~anti-zionist youth~~ non-Zionist Jewish Alliance. P/A to adopt general line of report.

Morgantaler Defence Report: Ellie reported on Defence Rally last Sat. 25th held at Ryerson. P/A to adopt report.

Educational: P/A that because neither seminar scheduled was ready for presentation, that we hold the seminar on Canadian Nationalism (No 2) next meeting, June 3 1974
P/A Julie give report on NDP work at this meeting.

Treasurers Report: Julie reported.

Dues & Pledges:

Educational: Julie on our NDP work

Latin American Work: Jennings reporting. P/A to adopt.

Calendar: read,

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:00 PM

Minutes of Executive Meeting — May 31, 1974:

1. Chairperson: Lighthouse. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason — Jennings and Ashley

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of May 26/74

4. Membership and Contacts
-informational report on Z's intent to join the SL by Kent
-m/c to recommend recruitment of Z
-informational report on C.B.'s intent to join the SL after resigning from the LSA — by Shier
-m/c to involve C.B. with some experiences with us for a time before deciding on recruitment

5. Election Tabloid and Sub Drive
-progress report on tabloid by Kent
-format to be 5-column and newspaper style
-typesetting will be done outside and printing with union label (at a different shop)
-m/c to follow procedure we used for choosing our organizational name to choose the name of the paper
-discussion of sub drive
-need to make preparations and assignments
-reports by coordinator to branch
-complimentary copies of paper to be mailed to our contact list
-m/c to have Levi present a worked-out report to the exec. cttee.
-discussion of our attitude to other tendencies running in election campaign
-our line is to not support candidacies of LSA, RMG, and Waffle and to polemicize against them in order to clearly present our position on the NDP
-we support the right of other tendencies of the left to run, but we regard it as an important tactical error
-we oppose the Maoist line of abstention
-m/c to adopt the above points as policy

6. Morgentaler Report (Mills)
-informational report by [redacted] on putting out an ad with Pellerine
-m/c to get in touch with the Morgentaler Committee to inform them of our disagreement with their statement, that an ad cttee. is meeting, and that the Morgentaler Cttee. should not mail their present proposal for an ad statement
-m/c that Mills be ad coordinator

7. S.U. Political Prisoners Committee (Red)
-m/c to defer the discussion on this issue until [redacted] gives a report

8. Status Reports
-m/c to refer the question of having a debate with the LSA and RMG on the NDP

9. New Business
-proposal to set up a book table next week at the meeting of the LEarned Societies at U. of T. — m/c to do it if we can spare the personnel
-next exec. mtg. will be Fri. June 7 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the SL, June 12/74

Meeting convened 8.20pm. Chair/Volpe, Sec/Levi, Sgt at Arms/Red.

Minutes of May 28th read and adopted
M/C to table minutes of June 5 and May 21
M/C to elect Jennings as pro tem secretary

Executive report/Deutch
M/C to refer the question of membership criteria back to the executive
M/C that the previous policy adopted towards comrades coming from the LSA should only now apply to comrades of the Labor Party tendancy in the LSA.
M/C to proceed with the process of recruiting C.B.
Report on progress of Morgenthaler defence
M/C to proceed with ad hoc committee to break the silence by press and media campaign
M/C we mobilize for Saturday action.
Report on progress of Forward. It will be out by weekend. Extensive mailing 9 am Saturday.
M/C to accept as information.
Report on Friday's NDP fraction meeting and Eglinton riding meeting
M/C to accept as information

Financial report/Goldman
M/C to accept as information.

Educational report/Levi
M/C to give seminars priority on future adgendas
M/C to proceed with lineup next week and table tonites educational until then
There was a discussion on the forum.

Latin America work report/Red
150 people attended the Brazil film nite. Petras meeting coming up Monday.

New Business
M/C to shift the July 8th branch meeting to July 9
M/C to carry the missing slogans at Morgenthaler demo.

Calendar was read

Adjourned at 10.45pm

Minutes of the SL, June 19/74

Meeting convened 8.10, Chair/Goldman, Sec/Jennings, Sgt at Arms/Stuart

Attendance, 11 present, AWR/Shriebman, Ashley, Mills, Chaplan.

Minutes of May 21 & June 12 read and adopted. It was the consensus that minutes show those absent with reason under attendance.

Educational/ Seminar by Levi on the Horowitz/ Mandel debate on nationalism. 8.30 - 9.30

Sub drive report/Levi
We have so far distributed 700 and mailed 2000 copies. The Forward is having a good impact. It is clearly deliniating us and establishing both our program and our seriousness. 56 subs have been sold so far. The minimum campaign objective is 210 subs sold by comrades of the SL before July 8. We expect more than this from sample mailings and outside help.
M/C that we have a sales manager and that we appoint Kent.
M/C that the emphasis be on the sale of subs and that we distribute the paper as samples. Although this does not exclude sale of individual copies, the focus is on selling the sub.
M/C that we slate a thorough discussion of the contents of this issue.
M/C that comrades distributing and staffing sub tables devide the credit for the subs they sell.

Morgenthaler Defense/Goldman
The Saturday meeting where Morgenthaler spoke was poorly attended, only about ~~200~~ 200 came. There were very few new people and the platform was little broader than usual. The Waffle was represented and the SL speaker, Lighthouse, was excellent.
The demo was even smaller and the slogans of the Committee were the usual. We carried "Every Mother" and "Defend the Jury System". Our signs were much in demand. Although our pressure had brought them to place an ad in the Star, and to give that ad more of an educational cast than they had projected, it was still lacking in thrust and dynamism.
The telegram of the ad hoc committe was anounced at the rally. It was drawn up by June Callwood and is very educational. It is projected to launch it on the Berton/Templeton show. Money and names of signers will be sent to the Humanist Society.
The ad hoc committe is gaining momentum. There have been meetings of 25-30 Doctors and lawyers and a similar number of media people - both meetings showed growing enthusiasm.
The Morgenthaler Defense Committe have pushed their way into the meetings of the ad hoc committee. At a meeting this Monday their two delegates tried to take over the telegram campaign but were defeated. The ad hoc committee has had its own office donated to it.
There is another meeting of doctors taking place in Hamilton. The Right to Life is organizing a campaign to overturn the Canadian Medical Assoc position on repeal. This is providing an impetus to many doctors to go to the convention to fight them. We will be playing a strong role in this fight.
M/C to accept as information.

Latin America defense/Jennings
We need to assign comrades for Thursday night Chile meeting.
M/C that we mobilize for demo and meeting.
M/C that we take seat on platform if possible.
M/C to refer Latin America defense work to executive for policy discussion.

New business
Jennings reported that the buzzer at the street door is now installed.

Calender read. Adjourned at 11.03

Minutes of the SL June 24/74

meeting convened 8.20 Chair/Morgan, Sec/Jennings, Sgt at Arms/Kent

attendence AWR/ Robur, Stuart, Lighthouse, Shriebman, Mills, Goldman, Volpe, Shier, Ashley ten comrades present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted

Exec Report/Deutch
The executive reccommends the establishment of an exec subcommittee for day to day organizational decision making. It has struck off Volpe, Deutch and Jennings for this work.
M/C to endorse this reccommendation

The exec reccommends that we replace Kent as circulation manager. It reccommends Smith.
M/C to endorse this reccommendation

In Latin American defense work the executive reccommends we concentrate on Chile, through CLA if possible.
M/C that this be adopted

Recruitment policy. This question was reffered to the executive for clarification. The executive feels that our policy depends greatly on the individual concerned. It is a question of evaluation and our confidence in the role a new comrade can play in our group. Politically, the criteria for membership is basic agreement with our statement of standing on the positions of the LSA up to 70-71.
M/C to accept as information

The exec reccommends the recruitment of CB
M/C to endorse this reccommendation

Contact Com/Jennings
Progress report on comrades in the recruitment class. This report reccommends, with the endorsation of the exec, to recruit SB. We also reccommend that we have a social soon.
M/C to endorse these reccommendations and refer the question of the social to the social committee

Educational report/Levi
Reccomend that next week be Deutch on Lambertists as comrades assigned to NDP discussion are tied up with the election and the phamplet is not out. We must also decide topic and speaker for forum on the 10th of July.
M/C to table internal topic untill after the break and tonights educational
M/C that the forum topic be an evaluation of the election and that the question of the speaker be refered to the exec.

break 9.25 - 9.30

Educational/ Red on the Waffle document by Laxer

Business reconvened at 10.15

M/C to continue Waffle discussion as next week's educational

New business (over)

M/C we refer the question of holding an organized weekend at Poundmaker to exec

Calender read

Adjourned at 10.28

Minutes of the SL July 9/74

Meeting convened at 8.20 Chair/Lighthouse, Se/Jennings, Sgt at Arms/Red

Attendence/ 14 comrades present. AWR/ Shreibman, Shier, Stuart, Goldman, Chaplin, Willis Levi, Cameron.
Minutes read and adopted
Federal election/Deutch, report and discussion 25minutes.
M/C to adopt as information.

Sub drive/Jennings
245 subs in, quota achieved. 2000 mailed (35 subs recieved from this so far). 1000 into Douglas and post office. 500 distributed to left meetings, 500 into apartment distribution, 400 into NDP rallies on election night.
M/C to adopt as information.

Morgenthaler/Mills
Progress report - going well. Real coalition is building. Mills going on CBC tommorrow. Campaign is well launched.
M/C to adopt as information.

International Women's day/Volpe
A coalition of left women is planning a conference of socialist women. Sparts, LSA and Rmg are participating in preliminary meetings. Women's fraction will report later.
M/C to adopt as information.

Day Care/Ashley
Report on last week's rally. Steering group meeting tommorrow. Ashley on CBC last Tuesday morning. NDP took the most forthright stand at the meeting - was a bit ahead of the audience. Struggle is still very much a defensive one against the cuts of the Tory government.
M/C to adopt as information.

Education/
Executive reccommends Red to chair forum on 10th.
M/C to endorse this.
M/C that we mobilize for this forum.
M/C that question of summer class series be refered to Ed Com for immediate action.
M/C next internal be Ashley on day care document. Jennings to prepare for distribution Wednesday.

Break 9.23

Educational/Hatbox 9.30 - 10.00 pm.

New Business
White report on elections at Douglas. White running for plant chairman
Volpe report on Krevine meeting. Attendence 200. US Sparts mobilized to attack Krevine. We sold 10 - 15 subs and our paper was well circulated.
Jennings reported that he is going to be working nights for a month
M/C that question of secretary be refered to executive.
M/C that the question of Poundmaker weekend be refered to the Educational and Social Committees.
M/C to grant Mills and Goldman one week leave of absence.

Calender read
Adjourned 10.29

Minutes of the SL july 15/74

Meeting convened at 8.15 Chair/White, Sec/Jennings, Sgt at Arms/Red

Attendence, 12 comrades present. AWR/Willis, Deutch, Stone, Morgan, Goldman, Lighthouse, Mills.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

Assesment of July 10th forum/Shier
Best yet - 15 outsiders - Deutch's presentation excellent and there was avery good discussion. ~~Only opponents present were two LSA'ers.~~
M/C to adopt as information
M/C that the educational committee make sure a list is circulated to get the names of contacts at forums.

Educational/Ashley 8.35 - 9.45. This was a presentation of her document on our relation to the struggle for day care. There was also an opening discussion on the issue.

Break 9.45 Meeting reconvened at 9.53

Educational report/Levi
Summer educational program to be discussed with executive on Friday. No educational scheduled for next meeting.
M/C to adopt as information
M/C that this committee be instructed to find a topic and speaker for the next meeting

Douglas report/ White
White and the other comrades concerned have decided he should withdraw from the election for plant chairman. The company has announced that if A.Wilson is elected they will not bargain with him as he is no longer an employee - he was fired as one of the Douglas five and their case is before the courts. This makes opposition to Wilson impossible under the circumstances as, in effect, the company has endorsed the opposing candidates. A copy of the leaflet withdrawing from the election was distributed to the comrades as part of this report.

M/C to endorse this report

Executive report/Volpe
Executive discussed the question of the Socialist Women's Conference next year. This conference has the support of more than a dozen left groups. Ou concept is to make it a s broad as possible but we have very little say in the matter. The question posed is whether we shoiuld participate. The execocutive reccomends that we endorse the conference at this time in order to affect it as best we can - if it is clearly moving in the direction of sectarian factionalism we should withdraw.
M/C to endorse this recommendation

The executive recommends Shriebman to replace Jennings as secretary
M/C to endorse this recommendation.

New Business
Jennings reported on the recruitment series of classes. It is felt that they should be discontinued at this time and the contacts be channeled into other educational activities.
M/C to endorse this recommendation.

M/C to grant White three week L.O.A for vacation
Adjourned 10.30

Socialist League Meeting July 22, 1974

Meeting convened at 8:10 p.m. Chairman: Kent S/A: Morgan

ATTENDANCE
Away with reason: Jennings, Levi, Ashley, Willis, Stone

MINUTES
Minutes of the previous meeting adopted as amended.

Executive Report by Deutsch

Report on Educational Committee. M/C to accept Ashley's resignation from this committee.
M/C to add [redacted] Lenko and Lighthouse to the educational committee.

Report on Membership and Contact Committee
M/C to drop Lighthouse from this committe
M/C to add Digit to the committee
M/C to extend the name and function of the committee to a membership and contact committee

Informational Report: Digit and Ashley have been assigned by the executive to day care work.

Educational Committee Report by Morgan
M/C to have todays educational on the issue of Forward
M/C to have July 29th educational on the LSA polemic against the SL
Cameron was nominated to give this educational
Child care educational was evaluated

Social Report by Schreibman ~~by Schreibman~~
M/C to hold a lowkey social weekend at the Camp on Aug. 10, 11th weekend and to integrate the weekend activities with ~~and~~ an educational program

Educational was on Forward with ~~a~~ presentation by Shier

NEW BUSINESS
informational report by Deutsch on the Winnipeg NDP womens conference. This will be the first crosscountry conference of NDP women and we ~~should~~ will be sending comrades to it.

Report by Morgan on a strike at his printing plant.
M/C to instruct comrade Morgan to ~~consult~~ consult the union regarding his activities at the plant.

Informational report by Smith on the nurses strike

M/C to refer letter to Labour Challenge regarding attacks on us to organizer

M/C to refer question of putting leaflet out for Smithers rally to executive

THE calender was read and meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.

S.L. MEETING JULY 29, 1974

Meeting convened at 8 o'clock Chairman: Red S/A Lighthouse

Attendance Report: Away with reason Mills, Goldman, Robern and Jennings

Executive Report:

Report by Shier on editorial board of forward regarding personal, division of labour and format.

Motion carried to table discussion of selecting leadership arising out of discussion of selecting An editorial board.

There followed a discussion of personal and format.

Motion carried to have 8 members on editorial board.

Motion carried to reconsider the question of size of editorial board.

Motion carried to have a 9 person editorial board consisting of Kent, Shier, Schriebman, Deutsh, Lighthouse, Morgon, Jennings ~~and~~ Smith, DIGIT.

Motion carried to elect Shier as editor.

Motion carried to refer question OF CHANGES of format of future ISSUES to editorial board.

Latin American work report by Deutsh:

Motion carried to add Red to Latin American fraction.

Educational Report by Levi:

An internal lineup was adopted as follows:

August 5 seminar on Canada - U.S. integration
leaders Lenter and Morgon

August 12 educational on Cyprus
nominated Kent

August 19 seminar on women and the N.D.P. and the Winnipeg conference
leaders Goldman and Digit

August 26 the N.D.P. pamphlet"against Sectarionism"
leaders Stone and Goldman

Sept. 2 our orientation to international Trotskyist currents
educational ~~to~~ given by Deutsh

Aug. 10/11th weekend

motion carried to have main educational on "where is radicalization going"?
elected Red

motion carried to have educational on socialist women as a supplementary educational
elected Digit

motion carried to refer topic for external classes back to educational committee

motion carried to adopt report as a whole

motion carried to have the break now
meeting re-convened 10/10

motion carried to hold todays educational next week and to make adjustments in the lineup

Morganthaler Defence Report: by Schriebman

Motion carried to refer structuring of our intervention in this area to the executive as a top priority.

Motion carried to adopt the report as information.

N.D.P. Womens conference:
Informational report by Digit.
Motion carried to adopt report as information.

Social Report: by Willis regarding transportation, food, social activities etc.
Motion carried to adopt report.

New Business:
Motion carried to give educational ~~report~~ priority at next meeting.

The calendar was read and the meeting adjourned at ten to eleven.

SL MEETING August fifth, 1974

Meeting convened at 8:10 Chairman: Levi S/A Digit

ATTENDANCE REPORT
Away with reason: Jennings, Chaplin, Ashley, Shier, Smith, White.

Minutes were read and adopted as amended

Executive Report by Kent
There was a report on development within the tendency in the LSA AND THE DESIRABILITY OF MEETING WITH THEM
Report was adopted as information

Educational Report by Levi
There was a recommendation to setback the Canada-U.S. integration educational to a future date and to continue with the lineup as follows:
August 5th, The LSA polemic vs. the SL
August 12, Cyprus
August 19, Women and the NDP
August 26, Against Sectarianism
A discussion followed clarifying the precise area of concentration of the two educationals to be given at the upcoming social weekend.
M/C to adopt the following lineup for the external classes:
August 15 ~~Introduction on~~ Economics for Workers and WageLabour and
August 22 Introduction to Economics for Marx of MarxCapital
and the Edmund Weston debate on wages
August 29 Imperialism
Sept. 5 barett Brown vs. Mandel
M/C to refer class leaders to the educational committee
M/C to refer functioning of the educational committee to the executive

WOMENS REPORT
Report on Morgenthaler defence by Mills
There was a report on our work in the Freedom of Choice group and the difficulties in coordination in this area with the womens fraction
M/C to assign ~~question of Volpe's involvement in freedom of choice to this~~ to freedom of choice work
M/C to refer question of assigning Willis to womens work to the womens fraction and to the executive

Educational by CaMERON ON THE LSA attacks on the SL

Social Report by Cameron
There was a report on the weekend schedule of activities and a progress report on the organization of the weekend.

Calender was read and meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Educational Committee Report Aug.6/74

Internal Lineup

Aug. 6 educationa l by Harry P. on the LSA document on SL

Aug. 12 educational on the Greece-Cyprus Conflict and its effects with Ross

Aug. 19 educational with Carol and Julie on Women and the NDP

Aug. 26 seminar on the phamphlet "Against Sectarianism" with Julie and Roz

-decided to drop the internal on the Politics and Economics of Integration, Canadian Nationalism III to later in the lineup
- nature of the educationalon the Greece-Cyprus conflict is indicative of the trend the committee wishes to achieve in the internal programme of general educational work which will alos deal with fundamental Marxist theory education

Educational Weekend

Sat. evening educational Dale Ritch on Where is the Radicalization?
- topic is above rather than Where is the Radicalisation going? which indicates the emphasizes the educational will have on the state of the radicalisation as it exists and not as many radicals would like it to exist.

Sun. morn. educational with Carol and Julie on the Socialist Woman.
- i.e. what socilaism offers women

Exturnal Class series for contacts and comrades

- classes as much for comrades as for contacts

Aug. 15 Jim C. and Roz. on Introduction to Economics
Aug. 22

- sugges. reading Wage Labour and Capital

Aug. 29 and Sept. 5 Imperialism Ross and Abie

-Lenin's Imperialism:the highest stage of capitalism

SL MEETING AUGUST 12, 1974

Meeting convened at 8:10 p.m.
Chairman: Smith S/A: Levi

Attendance Absent with reason: Mills, Jennings, Chaplin, Willis, Stone

Minutes were read and adopted as amended

Membership:
M/C to drop Lenko from membership without prejudice

Educational on Cyprus with Kent

Executive Report by Deutsch

There was a report on the projected fund drive.
M/C to launch a Forward fund drive campaign internally today and publicly in the ~~first~~ issue of the paper, to last until Nov. 1, 74
M/C to set a goal of 2,000--$1,000 as a memership goal and 1,000 to be raised externally.
M/C to set a public goal of $4,000 to reflect the actual cost of putting the paper out
M/C to have a sustaining pledge increase to raise the extra funds necessary to sustain the paper.
M/C to establish a fund drive committee of Goldman, Smith and Cameron with Cameron as coordinator.
M/C to adopt report as a whole.

~~XXXX~~
Report by Ashley on developments in day care struggle including day care conferen ce and teachers meetings. Family day care question was discussed as well.
M/C to refer family day care question to womenrs fraction.
M/C to adopt report as a whole

Educational
Report

Evaluation of camp educationals and of last weeks internal. There was a brief discussion of classes on economics
M/Cto adopt report

Social Report by Schreibman
Evaluation of camp weekend and of future activities.

Calender read amd meeting adjourned at lo:55.

FUND DRIVE --- 12 August, 1974:

The Socialist League has now been in existence, in one form or another, for a period of about 5½ months. When we departed from the LSA, we declared our intention to build a Trotskyist movement in Canada --- one built along the real traditions of Trotskyism --- a centralised, Bolshevik party capable of intervening in the Canadian class struggle and linking up with broader workingclass forces. We declared our aim to integrate ourselves in the NDP, the labor party formation in this country, and to develop a sensitive and correct orientation to the radical sentiment expressed by the Canadian nationalist currents.

When we left, John Riddell and the LSA pronounced us a stillbirth, said that we were on our way out of politics, and characterized us as wornout elements. But on the contrary, the Socialist League has displayed a remarkable resiliency --- we survived and grew and published our own paper. Despite the first projections of a primarily educational group with modest external activity, we responded to the big political challenge of the federal election. We were carried to a qualitatively different level of political activity --- we became a public movement with a line (a clear line) and a tradition (Trotskyism). And in this way we made good on our criticisms of the LSA and on the tasks we projected when we departed from the LSA.

This recap is not meant to be self-congratulatory; it is meant to give a clear picture of where we're at. We have now committed ourselves to the respon-

sibilities of a revolutionary movement. We sold around 300 subscriptions to FORWARD on the assumption that we would continue to publish at least 5 more issues notwithstanding the flippant taunts of some LSA sectarians. Our press has been challenged by the LSA, and our articles have elicited discussion throughout several left currents —— the most important of which is the NDP.

But, to coin a phrase, this is only the beginning (and a modest one at that). We are entering into the fall period, and we will be challenged to intervene in the NDP provincial convention, on the campuses, and in the labor movement. To do this we need to be able to effectively project our ideas and our forces. This requires leadership and a serious commitment to constructing the material resources of our movement.

FORWARD will be published in time for the September6 NDP convention in Ontario. Many of the articles have been assigned an are being worked out. Our paper will carry coverage on the NDP, Women's Liberation, nationalism, and international events. Forward will also include an important article on the revolutionary press. An article which will request that our readers and sympathisers contribute money to continue the production of FORWARD, the only paper which had a correct orientation to the NDP in the last election as opposed to every other revolutionary tendency. The money we will be asking for, however, will only partially pay for the cost of producing the paper

over the next year. Each issue of the paper is estimated to cost us $500. Ten issues projected over a 12-month period total $5,000. Fortunately, we have the comrades who can write over several levels of experience. We have an editorial board and a worked out division of labor from both the technical and the editing point of view. But we do not as yet have the financial resources for a monthly.

In order to get the paper launched, we need enough money to pay for at least four issues. That means $2,000. That $2,000 is going to be raised from our contacts and our comrades. This is the first serious challenge of this sort that our movement has faced. Up until now, we have not really talked about raising money or discussed our pledge levels or contributions as comrades of the Socialist League. Well now we have to talk about it. Several comrades, in conjunction with Julie, our treasurer, spent some time drawing up a budget (which is now tabled with the executive) to assess what we required and what we could get. We decided that we could raise $1,000 from comrades (an average of about $45 to $50 per comrade) and $1,00 from contacts. The way we would do this is by asking comrades to pledge what on the average amounts to a week's salary (probably slightly less) or 1/52 of a comrade's yearly income. Of course, we don't want to be limited to just that but that is the minimum required to launch FORWARD and turn our movement outward in an effective way into the radicalization.

SL MEETING AUGUST 19, 1974

Meeting convened at 8:15 p.m.
Chairman Cameron S/A: Red

Attendance: Absent with reason: Ashley, Stone, Roburn, Chaplin and Willis

Minutes were read and adopted

Educational by Goldman on socialist women and the NDP

Executive Report by Deutsch on
1. Fourth international
M/C to draft document on F.I.
2. L.A.C. informational report on LAC/SL relations
3. Membership and Contacts M/C to discuss new contacts and developments in other currents under membership and contact reports.

4. Morgenthaler Defence: Report was given indicating motion towards a benefit concert for Morgenthaler and to open CAROL up as a membership federal organization
M/C to adopt report

Fund Drive
Report by Cameron. 904$ pledged
M/C to adopt report

Educational report by Levi.
Report on classes and lineup
M/C to adopt report

New Business
M/C to accept Jennings report on pricing of against sectarianism pamphlet.
M/C to drop projected picnic

Calender read and meeting adjourned 10:35

Minutes of Executive Meeting --- August 23, 1974:

1. Chairperson: Volpé. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason --- Jennings, Lighthouse
absent --- Schriebman and Ashley
Levi seated

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of August 16.

4. Campus Fraction:
-m/c to establish campus fraction and campus coordinator
-m/c that campus fraction meet ~~immediately~~ within a week
-bookstore operation should expand its titles in order to get a good selection for campus --- requires a loan from the treasurer (about $200)
-m/c to inquire from the treasure if revolving book fund can be extended by $200

5. RMG Anti-Fascist Letter
-report on line of letter
-m/c to send a letter of reply asking when a meeting is being planned and that we will send a couple of representatives to such a meeting

6. Lambertist Convention
-m/c to decline to attend Lambertist Convention in order not to make us vulnerable to misinterpretations of our relationship with them
-we should make apologies to Lambertists and tell them that we cannot accept this type of relationship now

7. Fund Drive
-m/c that [redacted] Deutsch and Kent move into setting up the contact lists

8. Socialist Women's Conference
-S.W.C. rejected our proposals to broaden the topics of the conference
-our proposal for an activist panel was accepted
-our comrades' participation has been limited to political discussion and not to accepting responsibilities of [redacted] organization
-our attitude is to go along with SWC and to concentrate our socialist women's work in the NDP
-m/c that a women's fraction be held soon to discuss our work in SWC

NDP our area

9. Non-Zionist Jewish Statement
-m/c that we amend the draft to more closely identify with Jews and to develop the Palestinian theme

10. LSA Tendency
-informational report on developments in the LSA
-some of the information concerning gossip about the tendency should not be discussed in the branch --- we should convey this caution to the branch

11. NDP
-discussion referred to the next executive meeting

12, Adjournment

Minutes of Branch Meeting --- August 26, 1974:

1. Chairperson: Kent. Secretary: Red. Sgt-at-arms: Smith.

2. Attendance:
-absent with reason---Schriebman, Stuart, Lighthouse, Mills
-excused---Morgan, Jennings, Shier

3. Educational:
-seminar on the NDP based on "On Sectarianism" and the documents of the LSA
-presented by Goldman and Stone

4. Break for dues and pledges.

5. Educational Report:
-by Levi
-discussion on previous internal and class
-m/c to refer educational topics on Cuban elections and on the current economic recession to the educational committee
-m/c that next week's educational be a report on the ONDP convention and our intervention coming out of a discussion in the NDP fraction ~~to be presented by~~
-m/c that next class on economics, dealing with the topic of ~~imperialism~~ Competition & Monopoly be given by Kent

6. Fund Drive Report:
-by Cameron
-progress report on drive --- generally good
-pledges taken
-comrades will be given lists of contacts to approach ~~from~~ for money after a prepared appeal is sent out to these contacts

7. Executive Report:
-reports by Deutsch
-RMG has issued an appeal for the formation of a united front against the danger of racism and fascism --- our response has been to send a letter indicating our willingness to attend meetings held, and our line is that we are opposed to the hysterical atmosphere of suspicion and danger being created at meetings of the left (participation of [redacted] informal invitation)
-Lambertist Convention: we are declining to send an observer to Lambertist Convention in Montreal in order not to compromise our organization
-Socialist Women's Conference: informational report on our work in this group, and our main thrust of socialist women's work is in the NDP
-m/c that we hold an NDP fraction tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m.
-m/c to adopt general line of the executive report

8. New Business:
-m/c to mobilize our forces for selling Forward at the Labor Day Parade
-m/c to grant Red a leave of absence from August 29 until Sept. 10

9. Adjournment:
-m/c to adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

Branch Meeting Sept, 2, 1974

Chair: Chaplin

Attendance AWR:

Minutes:
Minutes of Aug. 19 and 26 were read and adopted

Special Report by Goldman:

on upcoming NDP convention. ComrAdes will be prepared to intervene in the convention around key issues like natural resources and Morgenthaler and work with other leftwingers to caucus around these issues.

A special effort will be made to establish Forward at the convention.

Educational Report by Deutsch

M/C to have Sept. 9 educational on Forward:
Elected: Wayne
M/C to have seminar on New Stage of Canada U.S. relations document on Sept. 16
Elected : Deutsch, Chaplin

Report onlast class

Sales and Fund Drive Report by Deutsch

Report on distribution of papers last week.
Report on Fund Drive progress.
M/C to adopt reports

Womens area
Informational Report on colference called by Toronto alderwomen and on Vy Thompsons municiapl election campaign.

New business

Informational report on RMG antifascist meeting and Chile rally.
Calender was read and meeting adjourned at lo:25 p,m.

SL Branch Meeting, Mon. Sept. 9/74

m/c to adopt the agenda

Attendence

absent with reason: Stone, Willis, Goldman, Volpe, Smith, Cha plan, Kent, Lighthouse, Ashley,

late: Sheir

Membership and contacts

m/c to refer membership application of Bill R. to committee for consideration

m/c to refer the question of the membership's of Zxx. A., G.J., D.P., and S. S. to the membership committee .

m/c to adopt report

Fund Drive

-$3,600 of $4,000 goal has been pledged

-fund drive social to be planned

-comrades have been assigned to approach contacts for pledges

m/c to adopt report

Sales Report

- 22 subs obtained at the ONDP convention

- 8 subs have been sold at the York U. friday registration day plus 20 singles

m/c to adopt report

ONDP Convention Report

- emergenge of a ~~"pancake"~~ left wing group noted

-discussion on the various left groups and their interventions

-discussion on the woman's caucus' intervention

m/c to adopt report

Educational Report

m/c to have xx educational on the latest issue of Forward deferred to the next branch meeting

m/c to hold seminar on the UT document with Gxxx Deutsch and Chaplan on Sept. 16

m/c to have educational on Proletarian Democracy and the Cuban Elections on Sept. 23 with Volpe

New Business

-report on J. Cannon

Calander and Adjournment

MINUTES OF SL MEETING OF 16 Sept 1974

Chair: [redacted] Levi
Temp. Sec'ty: Morgan
Sgt-at-Arms: [redacted] Shier
Excused: [redacted] Mills, Jemnings, Deutsch (late), [redacted] Stone, Schriebman, Stuart, [redacted] Lighthouse, Willis
M/C to grant leaveof absence to [redacted] (Smith) for one weeks.

Minutes of previous meeting: read as information.

Educationals: Report on two xxxx last classes of series given by [redacted] Levi and Kent. Many contacts but poor League attendance.

Educational: On September issue (No.2) of Forward, given by [redacted] Shier

Finance Report: [redacted] (Goldman) reported M/C to adopt.

Dues & Pledges taken.

Fund Drive Report: [redacted] Cameron gave report showing good progress and need to raise further $500 from contacts.

Executive Report: [redacted] (Volpe) reported that additional space has been rented, a room which will be joined by a wall in the hall next door.
Headquarters to be open from 7 to 10 PM each week night and from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM on saturdays to enable comrades to utilize HQ on a more regular basis.
Book stock increased. M/C to adopt report.

Sales & Distribution:
Exec.Recc/C that Jennings organize this work.
Recent distributions at CUPE hall, Chile meeting and rally, Daycare and Grape boycott demonstrations reported. M/C to adopt report.

Membership & Contacts: Kent reported matter of literature outlining SL politics referred to Exec. It was decided not to publish new pamphlets but to use existing ones. to illustrate our positions
M/C to recruit Bill R.
M/C that we move in the direction of recruiting three contacts: Zahir, Gaynor, and Dave P.
M/C that Bill M. be considered a possible recruit to the League and that we organize a discussion with him to ascertain his relation with us.
Information that Stu S. is considering joining the league in a few months.

Morgantaler Committee: [redacted] (Goldman) reported. Freedom of Choice plans re-evaluated. Morgantaler Defence Committee to organize tour for Morgantaler.
M/C to adopt report.

Daycare Report: [redacted] (Ashley) reported on Conference and Rally at City Hall last Sat. and Rally at Scarboro. Very broad provincial and even national support.
M/C to adopt report.

NDP Report: M/C to delay this report until next week due to lateness of the hour.

New Business: [redacted] Volpe raised question of sending at least one comrade to participate in TCLPAC defence marshalling for their film showing and party next Sat. m/c to have 2 marshalls at each meeting.
Red reported on hunger strike at York U. to publici- the Moroz case.

Calendar: read

Meeting Adjourned: at 11 PM.

Minutes of Branch Meeting Sept 23, 74

CHIARMAN: Volpe

SECRETARY: DEUTSCH

ATTENDANCE: Absent with reason: Chaplin Willis Lighthouse Dennrop Stone Smith Stuart

Minutes: M/C to adopt minutes of Sept. 2,9, 16 as amended

Educational Report by Levi:
M/C to accept Levi's resignation as educational coordinator, although he will remain on the committee.
M/C to elect Morgan as new co-ordinator.
M/C to add Detusch to the committee
M/C to hold forums as a series on alternating ~~nights~~ Friday nights at an outside hall
M/C to hold class series on alternating Friday nights at the H.Q.
M/C to adopt the following forum lineup:
Friday Oct. 4 Is Canada Heading for a depression. Spe ker: Levi
Friday Oct. 18 The African Liberation Struggle, with a panel of speakers
Friday Nov. 1 Inflation and Canadian Workers, with wither a panel or prominent speaker

M/C to adopt a three part class series on the Vanguard Party

Educational: A new stage of Canada-U?S. relations presented by Deutsch

Treasurers Report by Mills

Break for dues and pledges

Womens Liberation Reports

report on Morgenthaler Defence by Mills
The report concerned the Morgenthaler tour and the Doctors for Repe l of Abortion Laws
We should support the tour of Dr. Morgenthaler and consider having someone accompany him
M/C to adopt the line of this report
Report by Volpe on Mayors Task force and the Womens' Conference
M/C to adopt this report as information..

Fund Drive:
M?C to have comprehensive reports on fund drive progress with contacts and comrades.

NDP REPORT

Discussion of bulletin put forward by LAC and of socialist group at Sudbury.
M/C to refer this discussion to NDP fraction
M/C to have NDP fraction report to next meeting.

NEW Business

M/C to table discussion on acquisition of bookstore and new H.Q.
Informational report on LSA municipal candidates
M/C to refer to social committee the holding of a corn roast this weekend

Calender read and meeting adjourned lo:30.

Minutes of Executive Meeting --- September 29,1974: 11:30 a.m.

1. Chairperson: Lighthouse. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent Schriebman, Ashley
   -m/c to excuse Shier

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Sept. 13 and Sept. 22

4. Staff Organizer:
   -schedules of operation and question of HQ organization to be worked out between Red and Deutsch and posted
   -m/c that Red become interim branch organizer in a staff role with pay at [redacted] $30.000 per week
   -m/c that [redacted] be freed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for campus work
   -m/c that north office be the organizer's office
   -m/c that [redacted] be added to the executive committee during his term as organizer

5. Fall Conference:
   -m/c that we project a fall conference for November 17 with the following character:
      -half-day conference
      -Balance sheet and Projections report
      -elections for organizational posts and executive committee
   -m/c that Deutsch and Red prepare the outline for a Balance Sheet and Projections report for Oct. 13

6. Recruitment
   -m/c that the Membership and Contacts Committee reconsider the question of Val P.'s relationship to the SL and discuss the possibility of recruitment
   -m/c to move toward getting Gaynor involved with our campus fraction

7. Morgentaler Defense Report
   -by Mills
   -report on developments in abortion repeal and the Morgentaler case
   -we should ascertain if Morgentaler will go on the cross-Canada tour projected by the Morgentaler Defense Committee
   -we should try to set up meetings for Morgentaler at York U. and U. of T.
   -we should move very aggressively behind the Oct. 21-22 CARAL lobby to Ottawa
   -our attitude should be to try to get all the pro-repeal groups to campaign for Morgentaler
   -we should try to put the heat on the NDP to support Morgentaler --- we should pass solidarity motions for Morgentaler in the ridings and try to raise support money
   -m/c to adopt the report

8. Miscellaneous
   -municipal elections:
      -m/c to refer a political report on this question to the next executive meeting with [redacted] giving it
   -Canadian nationalist document:
      -m/c to publish "A New Stage of Canada-U.S. Relations" document as a pamphlet with editing for grammar and unsuitable references to be done by the Publications Committee
   -LSA tendency: informational report by [redacted] Kent on tendency members who are intending to break from the LSA and those who are now prepared to join the Socialist League

9. New Business:
   -m/c to have Deutsch and Red set up a social committee meeting for a report

10. Adjournment at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes o f TorontoBranch--- Sept. 30/74

Chairman; B ill R.
Secretary; Red
SatA;

Agenda adopted
Attendance; A w R. Rachel Stone, Kenneth Milla, John Robern, Adrienne Lighthouse, Bill Shier, Schriebman, Jennings, Marg Smith
Late; Chapl an, Eliza Willis, H. White

Minutes; m/c adopt minutes of Sept. 23

Executive Report; Deutsch reporting
m /c that Red be taken on staff as organizer; that he recieve remuneration of$30/week; and that he sit on the executive.

Report on the upcoming Branch Conference.
m/c that we have a branch conference on Nov. 17. Included in the conference will be elections for various posts and a major report which will draw up a balance sheet of our past activities and make projections for future work.

Report on Morgentaler Defence Work
There will be lobbying action in Ottawa on behalf of Morgentaler which we should participate in and raise the issue of repeal. Also, we should push to have a post lobby confer ence in Otta w a to publicize the issues.
m /c that we should aggre ssively push Morgentaler's case in the NDP; raise money and pass resolutions in the ridings.

Report on the Na tionalism Document

m/c that we publish the United Tendency Document on nationalism w ith some non-political editing.

m /c to adopt the executive report

Educational Report; Morgan reporting

m/c that the second forum in the current series be changed to a discussion titled,"Valetyn Moroz and the Struggle for Freedom in the Ukraine."

m /c that Willis chair the first forum.

m /c the educational ctte. discuss the question of who should speak for the S.L. at the Moroz forum.

m /c to adopt a general outline of our 3 classes
1. nature of t he problem facing revolutionaries
2. historical views on what kind of a party is necessary
3. th e Trotskyist experience

m/c that Red give the first class

m /c that nominations be open for the 2nd class.
comrades nominated included Lighthouse, Deutsch, Ashley

m /c that Jennings give the 2nd class

m/c that next week's internal be on the Waffle and that the speaker be Morgan.

m/c that the campus report be tabled

Fund Drive Report; reporter Cameron

m/c that the co-ordinator arrange with comrades and contacts to secure their pledges.
m /c to adopt the report

Break 9 :30
Educational; given by Volpe on the current elections in Cuba

Social Report; reporter Cameron

M/C to set a tenative date of Oct. 26 for a big social to cap the fund drive.

m/c to send a thank you note to Val for her work in organizing the last social.

m/c that the social ctte. consider having a Thanksgiving social at the camp

m/c to adopt the social report

m/c that we table the NDP report

New Business ; the executive wants to know the general feelings of the branch on the possiblity of acquiring a bookstore.
m /c that the executive should explore this possiblity further and report back to the branch.

Calendar;

Adjournment moved and carried at 10:40

Minutes of Toronto Branch --- Oct. 7/74

1. Chairperson: Lighthouse. Secretary: Morgan. Sgt-at-arms: Jennings.

2. Attendance:
-comments by Kent on resignation of three members of the Transitional Pro - gram Tendency from the LSA and the declaration they have published
-Kent proposed that Cmrde Art G., in attendance at tonight's meeting, be accepted for membership in the Socialist League ---m/c to accept proposal
-Kent reported that Reggie and John G. have indicated that they will be applying to join the SL shortly
-absent with reason---Stone, Willis, Schriebman, Levi, and Mills

3. Minutes:
-m/c to defer reading of last week's branch meeting to next meeting

4. Executive Report:
-by Deutsch
-report on Toronto Municipal Election in which the LSA is running 9 candi- dates
-m/c that the Socialist League not run candidates in the municipal electi on on the basis of the pressure of other priorities, that there are no major issues compelling a small propaganda group such as ours to run, and becau se we are not a party we are not obliged to run or to support other tendenci es who are running in an active way
-we recognize that many de facto NDP candidates will be in this election
-m/c to adopt report

5. Educational Report:
-by Morgan on split at Waffle Council meeting in Ottawa over the weekend which resulted in a narrow majority of delegates around the opposition force s facing a walkout by the Laxer leadership

6. Break for dues and pledges.
-m/c that Robur be excused from meeting

7. Women's Report:
-Ashley reported on picket and demonstration at the Birch meeting
-m/c to adopt the report
-report by Red on Morgentaler Defense---Morgentaler will be touring out w est and Pellerine will be touring the east and will be speaking in Toronto o n Fri. Oct. 18
-m/c to have a branch mobilization for the Pellerine meeting
-informational report by Lighthouse and Ashley on launching of books part y of the Women's Press

8. Fund Drive:
-report by Deutsch on necessity for cmrdes to pay up on their pledges
-m/c to adopt report

9. Social Committee:
-by Jennings
-report on Thanksgiving weekend at Camp Poundmaker next weekend
-fund drive windup social will have a band, bar, and buffet and will be h eld at St. Paul's Church on Nov. 9 with a Russian Revolution theme
-theatre party to see "Business As Usual" with a wine and cheese party following including the performers is being organized
-m/c to refer organization of theatre party to the exec.
-m/c to adopt balance of report

10. Educational Committee Report:
-m/c to refer question of next week's internal to executive

Oct. 7 Minutes continued..;.....

-m/c that forum on Oct. 18 be cancelled in favor of the Pellerine meeting an d to refer the matter to the educational cttee.
-evaluation by Red on first forum --- Hall was inadequate due to noise from hall above, good presentation by Abie, and attendance of 18 persons (poor)
-organizer to arrange phoning for first class coming up on Friday
-m/c to adopt report

11. NDP Report:
-by Goldman
-evaluation of Sudbury Convention---our tasks consist of deepening our educational work around NDP women, circulating the revitalization statement, and deepening our Morgentaler work in the ridings
-m/c to adopt report

12. New Busine ss:
-Red reported on projected distribution of Forward at the Douglas union meeting

13. Calendar:
-m/c that next branch meeting be held on Tues. Oct. 15

14. Adjournment at 10:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING OCT. 15/74

Chairman: Levi
Secretary: Red
S. at A.: Morgan
Agenda Adopted

Attendance: A.wR.: Jennings, Cameron, Willis, Stone, Mills, Goldman
Smith, Jones, Robern, Lighthouse, Chaplan
late@ Cameron, Volpe

Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes from Sept. 30 as read
m/c to refer to the exec. the question of sending minutes to comrades at large
m/c that the minutes from Oct. 7 should be referred to the exec. for corrections.

Membership and Contacts: m/c that Bill Martin be recruited to the S.L. and be seated at the branch meeting.
m/c that we move immediately to recruit Dave P.
m/c that we recruit John G.
m/c that Regula M. become a sympathizer
m/c that the executive discuss the problem of Charlie L. and Craig.
m/c that the exec approach Claire D. concerning her relationship to the LSA and the SL
m/c to refer the question of the Orillia operation to the membership and contact ctte. for further discussion

Educationals: m/c that the Moroz forum be rescheduled for Oct 25 so it wont conflict with the Pelrine meeting.
m/c that the next two forums be held at the Donvale Community Center.
m/c that the OFL forum be held on NOV.8.

m/c that Red act as moderator at the Moroz forum
m/c that the internal on Oct. 14 be an evaluation of last Forward and be given by Shier
m/c that the internal on Oct. 21 be given by Chaplan on the document "Against Sectarianism"
m/c that the internal on oct. 28 be on the Waffle and our intervention-a balance sheet.
m/c that John G. and John Morg an present this internal.
m/c that Lighthouse give the 2nd class in the series on the VanguardParty on N ov. 1.

m/c to adopt the educational report.

m/c to move the fund drive report and the Morgentaler report up the agenda before the educational

Morgentaler Report: m/c to distribute the Forward at the Morgentaler meeting, Oct. 18, and assist in the marshalling.

Fund Drive Report: m/c to refer the matter of collecting outstanding pledges to the exec.

EDucational: given by Shier; on the last issue of Forward

Social Report: reporter Cameron noted that the Camp weekend was fairly successful. Lack of organization and structure were weaknesses.

- the theater party is going ahead as scheduled with a price of $3.50 per ticket.
- reporter projected a price of $5 for the upcoming banquet and party.

m/c that we should draw up tickets for the theater party

m/c to refer back to the exec the question of ticket price for the fund drive party as many comrades thought $5 to be too high a price.

Calendar

Adjournment moved and carried at 11:00 P.M.

Minutes of Branch Mee tin g --- October 21/74

Chair: Goldman
Secretary: Red

Attendance: AwR: Johns, Rober, Mo rgan, Willi s, Schriebman, Lewi,
Kent, Bill M., Stuart, Stone, Mills

Minutes: m/c to adopt the minutes from the Oct. 15 branch meeting.

Agenda adopted

Executive Report: Red welcomed Dave P. into the branch.

rest of the report given by Deutsch

1.- m/c to accept Scriebman's resignation from the branch exec. and fro m co-ordinatorship of the social ctte.
- Schriebman will continue to sit on the editorial board and to be involved in Morgentaler Defence Work. as well as doing wo rk in the Law Union.

2.- m/c to send detailed minutes of branch meetings to comrades a t l arge after they have been adopted by the branch.

3.- m/c to send comrades down to St. Catharines to talk to Craig and Charlie.

4. m/c that Deutsch approach Clair D. with regard to her feelins about the So cialist League.

5. m/c to produce a pamphlet based on Trotsky's witings on the Ukraine in time for the Mcmaster U. conference on the Ukraine which takes place on Oct. 25,26,27

6.-m/c to candel the forum scheduled for Friday Oct. 25 because we were unable to work out alternative arrangements.

7.-m/c to open nominations for permanent branch secretary. Since ther e were no nominations m/c to refer this question back to the exec.

m/c to adopt the executive report as a whole

Education report: m/c to replace the scheduled interna l

for this evening, Chaplain on t e document Agains t Sectarianism , with a hat-box.

Social Report: report on the upcoming theatre night by Red.
m/c to do a phoning of contacts for the theatre social.

Morgentale r Report: report on the two Morgentaler solidarity meetin gs

which took place in Toronto on Friday Oct 18. Red reported that the York U. meeting was much more successful. A Morgentaler Defence Ctte. will probably be set up there soon. The downtown

meeting was quite small, only 100 people, with a narrow range of sponsorship and speakers.
- On Nov. 15, ACCT(Abortion, Contraception Counselling, Toronto) is holding an educational conference on birth control, abortion etc. in Toronto.
--- in light of the attack by Otto Lang on abortion referral services it may be possible to turn the conference into a more political, action oriented conference. We want to encourager NDPers, contacts etc to attend and raise the issues of repeal and Morgentaler.
--- furthermore we want to take the Freedom of Choice telegram into the ND P, get signees and people to distribute the telegram.

m/c to adopt theline of the report

Educational hatbox

New Business 1. report by Deutsch on the memorial meeting for slain M.I.R. leader Miguel Enriquez.

2. report by Volpe on the upcoming Socialist Women's Conference. only the Trotskyist groups and a few independents are left in the organizing committee. m/c to refer this the discussion of our attitude toward the Conference to the exec.

3. report by Red on the upcoming OFL convention and trade union fraction.
-several comrades are going to the convention

4.--report by Dave P. on the Duplate situation. Duplate workers got stuck with the Chrysler pattern. without achieving parity.
m/c to have a trade union fraction to discuss the Duplate situation.

m/c to adjourn 10:50

Minutes of the Nov. 4/74 branch meeting

Chair: Deutsch
Secretary: Red
S. at A.: Kent

m/c to adopt the agenda

Attendance; A w R: Stone, Mills, Schriebman, Stuart, Willis, Shier, Volpe
Dave P., Smith

Minutes: m/c to adopt the minutes from the Oct. 7 branch meeting as amended by the exec.

Correspondence; m/c to read letter from Mazdak [ART Group]
m/c to file

NDP Report; reporter Goldman

1.- report given on Labor Action's proposal to establish an NDP newsletter with a trade union orientation.
2.- Smith attending the founding meeting for the SL
3.- newsletter is a sectarian bulletin which cuts across the Revitalization Statement- doesn't even pose itself as an oppositional bulletin.
- bulletin doesn't appear to be going anywhere

2.- report on the Municipal Elections
- many NDP members are not running on the party label but are identified with the party.(Heap, Runge, Ed Ziemba etc.)

3.- report on the Revitalization Statement
- thus far has acquired 70-80 signatures
- although the statement is not being pushed by some leading signers, Floyd Laughren is touring the province and speaking about the statement at riding meetings
- if possible we should arrange meetings for Laughren and republish the statement through a riding

4.- all comrades should secure the names and addresses of NDP riding presidents, secretaries, and educational directors.

m/c to adopt the report

Social Ctte. Report reporter Cameron

- final report on the upcoming FORWARD social- Nov. 9
- structure of the social discussed
- assignments made

m/c to adopt the report

Educational Report reporter Morgan

-Jennings is unable to give the third class on the Vanguard Party
m /c that Kent replace Jennings as the speaker

m/c that Morgan give to-night's internal on the Waffle

M/c that our next internal(Nov.11) be a discussion on the left-wing statements from the B.C. and Ont. conventions. of the NDP

m/c to open nominations for a speaker
m/c that Wilson be the speaker
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- Rmdxxxxxxxx discussion on the previous week's internal

m /c to adopt the educational report

Treasurer's Report reporter Goldman

m/c adopt the report

Break 10 minutes for dues and pledges

Educational Morgan on developments in the Waffle

Circulation report

Red reported on the past week's plant distributions.

New Business

1. White reported on the OFL convention
- executive had complete control of the convention
- Stalinists put up only token opposition
-Forward was distributed to all the delegates

2. Deutsch reported on the theatre party social of OCT.26
-very successful
- 40 people attended
- SL was projected successfully and contacts made with the cast

Calendar

Adjournment 10:40

Bra nch Meeting: Nov. 11/74

Chair: Stone
Secretary: Red
S. at A. Lighthouse

Attendance: AwR: Levi, Dave P., Smith, Robur, Schriebman, Stuart, Goldma n, Jennings

m/c to seat Mazda k [Art C.]

Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes from the Nov. 4 branch with the necessary corrections.

Correspondence: With regard to the letter recieved from the Sparticist Tendency, m /c that we decline to debate with them at this time, and further that we send a letter with an explanation of our decision.

Membership and Co ntacts: 1. m/c to give Goldman and Mills a leave of absense from Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.

2. moved that Jennings be given a leave of absense for six months. m/c to refer to the exec. the question of Jennings' leave.

3. m/c that we move in on the St. Catharines situation and try to bring the comrades there choser to us.

4. m/c that we move in the direction of making concrete links with Nick and other LSA comrades in Vancouver who are on the verge of leaving the LSA.

5. m/c that we drop Bill R. from membership in the S.L.: noting that he has developed serious principalled differences with us, including opposition to the concept of building a vanguard party.

6. m /c to move in the direction of recruiting Guy M.

m/c to adopt the re port

Branch Conference Report: 1. m/c that we postpone the conference a week until Nov. 24 so that the conference can be better planned and organized.

2. m/c that we invite out of town comrades, contacts, and sympathizers to the conference.

Sub Drive Report: m/c to schedule a one week sub drive blitz to get 100 new subs. The drive will take place in the final week of the municipal elections.

Waffle Report: - report on the provincial executive meeting by Morgan
-the Laxer leadership has resigned from the prov. execl but retained membership in the party.
= they intend to set up MISC centers which will probably focus on research

-Waffle conference set for Dec. 15, probably without the attendance of the Laxer forces.
- opposition elements appear to have won over the majority of the Ottawa local as well as consolidating their control of the majority of the total Waffle membership.

1. m/c that we set up a meeting with the Leninist faction of the opposition current.
2. m /c that we refer a further discussion on the situation in the Waffle to the exec.

Educational Report: -report on the last forum, Donvale is no good for our forums.
- report o n the last internal- Morgan on the Waffle

Brea k

Educational: Wilson on the two left documents coming out of the Ontario and B .C. NDP conventions.

Socia l Report: m -report on the Forward Social by Red
-generally successful but over-ambitious
- social ctte. not well enough organized

New Business;

Adjournment 10:45

Minutes of Executive Meeting --- November 12, 1974: 8:30 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Morgan. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent--- Ashley, Jennings
-m/c to seat Morgan

3. Waffle Discussion:
-informational report on resignation of Laxer leadership from Waffle executive
-evaluation of Waffle is that they are heading towards a breakup (no perspective) and that the Laxer leadership has effected a walkout
-best organized and most cohesive group politically is the "Leninist faction"
-our attitude in the next period to the Waffle should be to broaden the discussion of where the Waffle is going to deal with the question of the NDP and Trotskyism
-we should pose the question of building a socialist party oriented to the working class in pace with the opening up of the discussion around tasks posed by the Leninist faction
-we should pose the necessity, in this context, of making a revolutionary assessment of the question of the NDP and what orientation socialists should have to it
-we should try to pose a series of discussions to discuss the left alternatives in Canada particularly with a view towards posing the following questions:
  -distinction between anti-Americanism and anti-imperialism
  -necessity for internal democracy, against the elitist concepts prevalent under the Laxers
  -necessity to build broad alliances within the left around united front actions on important issues
  -importance of having an internationalist perspective towards building an anti-capitalist alternative
  -question of setting up a Waffle publication
  -reform or revolution
  -democratic centralism

- we should be prepared, if the circumstances allow, to present Morgan as an open Trotskyist (perhaps without specifying affiliation) within the Waffle towards realizing the discussion on left alternatives
-Morgan will approach Virginia H. to pose the question of collaboration on a document on the NDP to be posed before the Waffle and to ascertain what she is willing to do

4. Adjournment at 10:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Branch Meeting; Nov. 18/74

Chair: Volpe
Secretary: Red
S. at A. Kent

m/c to adopt the agenda

Attendance: as with r: Mills, Goldman, Stone, Robur, Schriebman
Stuart, Shier, Lighthouse, Willis

Minutes: m/c to adopt the minutes from the Nov, 11 branch

Executive Report:

1. Branch Conference
- we are sending out a letter of invitation to our contacts and sympathizers asking them to attend
- m/c to open nominations for the executive and for the posts of executive secretary and organizer
-m/c to leave the membership of committees and fractions and committee co-ordinators so that this becomes the responsibility of the new executive.

nominations: for executive; Red, Deutsch, Morgan, Goldman, Volpe
Kent, Shier, Lighthouse, Mills

declining nomination; Levi, Ashley, Chaplan

for executive secretary; Deutsch
for organizer; Red

m/c that nominations be temporarily closed

2. Waffle Report
-McNally group was not interested in having a discussion with us. Morgan
-~~xxxx~~ should try as much as possible to act as an open Trotskyist.
-Morgan is preparing a document for the discussion in the Waffle.

m/c to adopt the report

3. LSA Municipal Campaign
-The LSA sent the SL a letter asking ~~xxxxx~~ us to support their campaign and help build it.
- some LSA candidates are running against known NDPers who have support of NDP ridings and the Toronto Labor Council
- where there is no established NDP candidate running, we will urge people to cast their ballot for LSA or other working class candidates.

m/c that we send a letter to the LSA along the lines of the report

New business

1. report by Red on circulation of the press

2. Report by Red on the formation of a York S.L. club and on the struggle with the administration over foffice space for the clubs.

3. report by Levi on the YCL meeting at which a representitive of the PLO spoke and on the formation of the Jewish non-Zionist organization.

4. report on the upcoming Moroz forum.

m/c to schedule the next branch meeting for two weeks tonight Monday 2.

Calendar and adjournment 11:45

Minutes of Executive Meeting --- November 19, 1974: 8:30 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Volpé. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason --- Ashley, Jennings, Mills, Lighthouse

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Nove. 17.

4. Discussion of SL Conference:
   -m/c that conference be opened by Deutsch and that a chairperson and secretary be elected from the floor
   -m/c to have [redacted] Shier help Smith on Forward Circulation report
   -m/c to have [redacted] (Deutsch) work with Mills on abortion report
   -m/c to approach Levi about doing the NDP report
   -m/c to have Deutsch aid Goldman with Finanacial report
   -m/c that Red give report on exec. elections
   -m/c that exec. ask Levi to run for exec.
   -m/c that Shier approach Jennings about his leave of absence directly to discuss the time frame and justification on a formal basis

5. Waffle Discussion:
   -informational report by Shier on Ray V. and Leninist faction, who want John D. to withdraw from Waffle because of his membership in SL
   -m/c that John reply to Leninist faction that we consider that because Waffle is a compendium of tendencies, we don't accept that the Leninist faction has exclusive rights in the Waffle and we reject any Trotsky-baiting by them --- we wish to have an open relation with them

6. New Business:
   -m/c to have a forum on mid-east on Dec. 6 with representative from PLO

7. Adjournment at 10:25 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 24, 1974 SL Branch Conference, 85 King St E, Toronto

1325 hr meeting called to order

-Nomination of chair- Hugh
-SAA*- Lighthouse
-secretary- M Smith
-Those in attendance

Agenda- M/C to adopt

1- Balance sheet and perspectives (see attached report) M/C to adopt
2-Press Report (see attached report) M/C to adopt
3-Circualtion Report (see attached Report by Smith) M/C to adopt
4- Break

5-Morgantaler and Abortion Work Report- (see attached report) M/C to adopt
M/c for five min extension
6- NDP report - (see attache report) M/C to adopt
7- Financial Report (see attached Report) M/C to adopt
8- Election report-
Nominations open
M/C to close nominations
those standing
Morgan , Goldman, Deutsch, Red, Kent, Volpe, Shier, Lighthouse, Levi
M to have ten person executive defeated
M to have six person executive carried

Executive secretary- Deutsch- acclainmed
Organizer- Red- acclaimed
Members at large through secret ballot- Kent, volpe, Shier, , Lighthouse

M/C to destroy ballots

9- Nwe Business
- reporting on transsitional program tendency inLSA

-Kent- ~~further on SL conference~~ (Concluding comments on SL Conference)

10- Calendar-

11- M/C to adjourn

Attendence at conference

Guests- Susan P
Val P
Gaynor J
Zane B
Reggie M
Joe M
Stu S

Members- Mills , Goldman, Kent, Shier, Cameron, Morgan, Deutsch, White , Smith, Volpe, G Jones, Red , Jennings , Lighthouse, Stone, Art Gray, Dave P. Levi , John G, Sabina

(found in 1974)

AGENDA FOR SOCIALIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE:

1. Gord opens meeting at 1:00 p.m. and calls it to order. — 25 minutes late.

2. Election of chairperson, secretary, and sgt-at-arms.
   ## ADOPT AGENDA ##
3. Balance Sheet and Perspectives Report --- by Gord
   -35 minute presentation 2:00
   -35 minute discussion 2:30 summary
4. Press Report --- by Wayne
   -10 minute presentation 2:40
   -20 minute discussion 2:50 summary?
5. Circulation Report --- by Linda.
   -10 minute presentation 3:00
   -20 minute discussion 3:20 summary?
6. Break
   -15 minutes 3:30 start
7. Morgentaler and Abortion Work Report --- Gus (5 MINUTES EXTENSION)
   -10 minute presentation
   -20 minute discussion summary? 4:08PM
   (extension)
8. NDP Report --- by Abie
   -10 minute discussion
   -20 minute discussion 4:25 PM summary?
9. Financial Report --- by Julie —
   -15 minute presentation 4:50
   -20 minute discussion
10. Elections for Executive : Report by Dale (- MOTION ON SIZE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT LARGE)
    -15 minutes for nominations and votes
11. New Business JOHN GLEN (5 MINUTES TO TALK ON TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM TENDENCY)
    -announcements
12. Calendar
13. Internationale.

SL FILE SL BRANCH CONF.

This is a summary of the report of the Morgentaler And Abortion Work given to the first S. L. Conference on November 24th 1974. by K Mills.

The first question was the question of where the L.S.A. went wrong. It was obvious to some of us in the L.S.A. that in 1972 with the dropping of the slogan Every Mother A Willing Mother, Every Child A Wanted Child from the Womens Abortion Coalition that the L.S.A. leadership was attempting to "femminise" the abortion campaign. We felt that this slogan which allowed us to reach out to broader layers of women who in effect when they are pregant are posed with the problem of whether or not to be mothers and also this slogan cut across the false humaninitarianism of the Right to Lifers who also tend to accuse the pro-repeal activists of being anti-motherhood. Those of us who saw this ~~therefore~~ in the L.S.A. thought it necessary to try to correct this erroneous path and at the time of our leaving the L.S.A. it was obvious to us that this femminising tendency in the L.S.A. was part of the overall sectarian degeneration of the L.S.A.

The second part of the report delt with our interventions in the Morgentaler -Abortion work as L.S.ers. The work was both external as well as S.L.ers. The immediate task for us after leaving the L.S.A. was to recognise that the Morgentaler Defense andAbortion Repeal movement had to be set on the correct path .i.e.on the path of trying to muster all those forces within the trade union movement, within the N.D.P. and all those democratic forces to come to rally around this cause. It became obvious to us that while the L.S.A. was in its sectarian way trying to femminise this movement Henry Morgentaler became more and more the sole object of increasing attacks by the government and the Pro-lifers to the extent that his case became not just a femminist case but a civil libertarian case and therefore we saw the rise in protests from all sectors of the Canadian scene i.e. not just femminists but civil libertarians of all stripes, lawyers, doctors and all types of democratic forces were expressing indignation towards the injustice that was being committed against Dr. Morgentaler and against the victims of

the unjust law , the women themselves and particularly the working class and the poor Women of Canada.

The third piont in the report was to draw attention to the balance sheet of where the Abortion campaign is at at this time mainly in comparison with other countries namely the United States i.e. where in the U.S. the abortion campaign was propelled by the radicalisation that came out of the anti-vietnam war movement and also favored by the traditions of the American revolutionary war ie. the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the U.S. and also where in the U.S. the church has played a much minor role tham in Canada we were able to draw conclusions that the Canadain situation was not as fovourable for rallying and mobilising women around this issue as it had been in the U.S. Also the fact that the Liberal government in Canada decieded to liberlise the law in 1969 dampend or made the issue less sharper than it was, for example in the U.S. or ~~it was in countaries such~~ as West Germany and the way it is in countaries such as France. It was also pionted out that the Womens movement also had its own weakness here in Canada, and that is, that part of the womens movement entered into consciousness raising endeavors and some of them even taking the attitude of despising or being ~~or being~~ disinterested in involving themselves in ~~something involving~~ DEFENDING a maan i.e. Dr. Morgentaler. ALSO another section of the womens movement, the ~~so called~~ revolutionary left outside of ourselves began to demand that there be class lines drawn in the struggle, that is, that the abortion campaign had to demand that abortions had to be free on demand and that abortions be struggled for solely for working class women. These arguements of course are erronous when one realises that its precisely working class women and the poor women of Canada that suffer most under the unjust law and the promblem is not one of the lack of medical coverage for abortions but simply that ~~the~~

abortions

medically safe are not available to xxxxxxxxx woman in this country. Another issue that was brought into the report was that put forth by [redacted] the last issue of Proirities and that is that psychologically speaking itis very difficult for women to sustain their membership in a movement for repeal of the abortion laws and for the defence of Dr. Morgetaler when they are by so doing consistantly accused of being anti-motherhood and anti-children and even being murderers of children IE. to explain that further when we consider the socialisation of women in our society one must understand that this is very hard for a woman to accept to be confronted in meetings, demonstrations and being x labelled a non-lover of children and anti-motherhood. This is why xxx that one might say and one does see, in our own experience we do see that its easier for women to enter such strugglesas Daycare and other issues in the xx Womens movement simply because they are issues that promote the idea [redacted] or substanciate the idea xf that the woman is for children and xr for motherhood.

The last part of the report dealt with thw good potential that exists for building the movement in the light of the formation of C.A.R.AL and of D.R.A.L. i.e. Canadain Association to Repeal the Abortion Lawx and Doctors for Repeal of the Abortion Lawx also mentioned in the discussionperiod was the good prospect that we have in building the defense xxxxxx work in the campuses particularly in York Campusxx.

Press report- Shier

- the paper is the most dramatic register of our growth and achievment. Starting in Morgan's livingroom, we now have a headquarters with an expanded addition for the paper, considerable equipment and a $4,000 plus budget.. It is a testimony to us and our contacts aspirations.

—The paper has also helped us develope people politically and as writers and to forge a team from the elements of an LSA tendency that can speak with homogeneity on all the key questions of today.

--- We ahve had ~~questions~~ problems both from inexperience and insufficiently worked out division of labour for our hard pressed forces, but we are hpoefully moving in the direction of solving them.

initially there was discussion of wether it would be a paper or a less frequent magazine.

- before the paper we were using leaflets to get a croes our ideas

- style of paper- orientated to the working class and radicals, non sectarian

NDP Report Nov. 24, 1974 by Abie Weisfeld

Review Lull + response

Elelction -sub camapign of about 250
- distribution of the paper to the NDP election meetings special issue of

Forum -defense of our orientation put forward
- LSA and RMG were oblidged to attack our orientation at forum and in the Labor Challenge

Ont. Conv. -left wing arose again demonstrating the vitality of the NDP in face of leaderships refusal to build constituancy associations
-included Floyd Laughrin MPP
Jan Dukzta MPP
Rodriedgez MP
Stewart Legit
-members carrying out speaking tours of the ridings
-statement printed by Forward
-SL has 1 ridings president and one member of the provincial council

B.C. -statement of and profound criticism came out at conv which Forward printed
-LSA denounced it but it again demonstrated the ~~xixxi~~ viability of the NDP in B.C.

Phamphlet 150 sold, half of rest

Municipal -supporting the NDP candidates
-scoring the LSA on its secterianism

Perspectives
Problems
-slow to respond to opportunities presented by the revitilization statemet in Ont.
-the fraction wasn't meeting
-make a assesment of the work comrades are doing
-circulate the left statement among NDPers and org. meetings for them as has benn done once already
- take abortion issue into NDP ~~and~~ xpose

- not possible to initiate caucus now
- Art: drop off of youth - York NDP

Circulation Report - M Smith

-------Runs of the paper

Aug	5,100
Sept	7,000
Oct	4,000
Nov	3,000

reasons at least two Increase in costs (now costs as much or more to print threee as does four thousand)
amount of papers not distributed decreased the number needed

-------Sample mailings sent to
- first issue was sent to Labour Challenge mailing list good response
- Karma Co-op (a-d) two responses
-St george riding no responses
- N D P Federal womens Conf in Winnipeg two response s PEL and Sask
- York South pole no reply
-NDP federal election ctte rooms c/o campaign mamagers no reply
-K-W ndp
-various organizations in Vancouver ie Tenants assoc and anti war assoc
-Militant Area Socialists (read Letter)

------- Letter sent to other publications for exchange subs Good response (read letter and list of responses)

----- - Letter from EBSCO industries adistribution center in US (Read)

------ active coorrespondence with Ron Dickson in Vancouver

-----Letter from a bob Witney in Alberta (Read first paragraph)

----- Distributions NDP maatings
demonstrations
Csao , CUPE and other Union meetings
Forums
Labour Day Parades (In toronto and Hamilton) Ellie
NDP provincial Co nference - distribution and table set up
Plant gates (23 subs received)
York campus Table set up

— distribution vs Sales

— aim for Second class mailing which will require a much higher ratio of subs to distribution

— next Sub drive for 100 Subs.

Conference of the Socialist League, Sunday, Nov. 24, 1974, 1 PM to 5 P.M.

Held at the headquarters. Chairman, Hugh Dawson. Secretary, Linda Dubo. Sergeant at arms, Abie Weisfeld.

A proposed agenda was outlined and accepted.

1. Balance Sheet - report by Gord Doctorow. When the SL was formed nine months ago, most of its members were long standing members of the LSA. Today Canada has six active Trotskyist groups, claiming to represent five different Fourth Internationals. This fracturing has been a serious setback to the whole movement. The SL is a splitoff of part of the basic cadre of Trotskyism, whereas the Lambertists, Healyites, Spartacists and RMG are ~~largely~~ mostly composed of new personnel.

The RMG rose from an ultraleft faction in the LSA, in combination with Red Circle, and was a secret faction encouraged by the European majority. It has been able to make headway by zeal and by the support of Mandel. John Riddell and Art Young have failed to provide leadership and ended by echoing the line of the RCT. Some comrades tried to halt the ultraleft drift by forming the Labour Party Tendency, and later the Transition Program Tendency, and some of the older cadre have left the movement altogether.

In February 1974 nineteen comrades left the LSA to form the SL. There followed an attrition of the veteran elements. The TPT was formed to try to maintain a policy discussion within the LSA. It failed, and the LSA became a degenerating sect. The SL formed mostly from activists and secondary leaders. It sought to draw lessons from experience. We are a continuation of the former LSA policies. In April the SL became a structured organization with a headquarters, though it had no full-time staff. An initial modest perspective as an educational organization rapidly became more ambitious. The SL began to issue and distribute pamphlets on various issues in its own name.

The Federal election was a period of intense activity for the members, and the publication "Forward" was launched just before it, with much initial

confusion and haste. After the election, Dale Rich gave the first public forum. There were four biweekly forums during the summer. The initial projection for Forward was 200 subscriptions, which was soon oversubscribed. Classes in Marxist theory were also commenced.

The affairs of the SL were handled by a structure of committees. The structural key is the Executive Committee, often meeters. There was no consistency of operation at first, and the initial issue of Forward was a scramble. Dale Rich is now part-time organizer. We need both correct policies and correct methods. There are many costs, which are mounting. There have been many vicissitudes in renting outside halls.

In political affairs, we have sought to maintain a broad united front for the Chile Committee. In Womens Liberation, the active sectors have been the abortion movement and the movement for day care, comrade Pat Schulty is a leader in the day care work.

Our Trade Union committee was able to make an intervention at the Ontario Federation of Labour convention, and Forward was distributed. The SL has recruited a few trade union workers. Our student work has been primarily at York University. Also we have tried to intervene honestly and consistently in the Waffle.

Where have we arrived? The SL has managed to recruit, to forge a headquarters, to build a press and to reconstruct Trotskyist activity in key sectors. The Transition Program Tendency stayed in the LSA and fought to correct its policies. But the LSA leaders went further, while denying that their policy had changed. The TPT has now dispersed, with some comrades going to the S.L.

Without a press we are not a proper movement. We must build our press to increase our influence and to recruit. We need to be educated to do political work efficiently. We must understand the strategic importance of the NDP and of Canadian nationalism.

DISCUSSION – (John Darling) – Next year we will be more public and more outgoing. There is relative quiescence at the moment. We have

not been able to take maximum advantage of the present trade union situation. We can carry public forums. The SL must get full time staff. and more regular functions.

(Ross Dowson)- This has actually been a progress report. In spite of initial pessimism, progress has been rapid. With respect to the Fourth International, we are in suspended animation at this time. We cannot play an activist internationalist role, and the FI has deep internal problems.

We started the SL without any resources. We will have a staffperson very shortly. The Waffle experience is still going on, with disintegration and realignment. It is full of important problems for us. The LSA and RMG have taken false positions toward the Waffle people. Our comrades are now writing, many had never written for publication before, and were not used to the responsibility of leadership.

(Harry Payne) - What caused the decay of the LSA leadership? Most LSA work was of organizational character, not pointed outward in activity. There were meetings to plan meetings to plan meetings. Many LSA members were completely lost when in actual contact with the working class. The SL has the possibilites of turning outwards and pushing its paper in public.

The SL has the problem of growth outside the Toronto area.

(Jim Mitchell) - the split carried a lot of outside or secondary leaders into the SL, in opposition to the internalized code. At first the SL "couldn't get the dishes done" because of commitments to outside political activity by members. The SL is more capable of understanding what it can and cannot accomplish. Realistic outwardness is the key to the vitality of the S.L.

(Stewart Sinclair) (sympathizer) - He has found the paper very useful in his workplace (Douglas Aircraft), on the impact of nationalism on the labour movement, and the internal politics of the labour movement. The SL has political homogeneity and consequently has not shown political cowardice.

(Gus Tolentino) - Another work area is our socials. They have been very successful. Socials should be an extension of the newspaper work, and part and parcel of building the movement.

SUMMARY by Joel Docterow. He dealt with the question of members outside of Toronto. We cannot consider ourselves a national movement at this time.

4). Balance Sheet Report by Doctorow moved and carried unanimously.

2. PRESS REPORT - (Wayne Roberts) The paper is an aid to homogeneity of the movement. It is for clarification and agitation. At first it was aimed at a limited audience of radicals, but now it is aimed more toward a mass audience. We have had setbacks. One was a leaflet for a David Lewis meeting that was cancelled, due to the election being called. The decision is for a monthly paper of eight pages. It is a severe financial test for the movement, involving over $4,000 a year. Many persons are now beginning to write regularly. The paper has been a test of our politics. The small size of our movement impedes the division of labour. There is a problem of expertise - Harry Kopyto noted 19 errors on a single page. We need more personnel. The SL started with 19 members, it now has 28.

It has been the hottest year in the labour scene for a long time, and there have been leftward movements within both the NDP and the Waffle.

DISCUSSION - (Regula Modlich) (sympathizer) - the articles in Labour Challenge are either very internalised or extremely international in orientation.

(Ellie Kirzner) - There was debate between those who wanted a newspaper and those who wanted a quarterly mogozine. Some doubted our ability to maintain a paper. We got a good reception on a Labour Day distribution of Forward. Some SL members had formerly written for Labour Challenge, but none on a sustained basis.

(Zayne Boyd) - We are not large enough to put out a theoritical journal. At first the group regarded itself as a socialist educational organization. "Forward" has proved its merit as a tool for political education.

(PRESS REPORT by Wayne Roberts moved and carried unanimously).

③. CIRCULATION REPORT (by Linda Dubois). There are a total of 420 paid subscriptions, including exchange subscriptions (14). There are 18 USA and 9 other international. There are 286 Toronto subscriptions and 61 in the rest of southern Ontario; and 5 in Quebec, 2 in New Brunswick, 1 in PEI, 1 in Newfoundland; several in British Columbia.

Some 2,000 copies of each issue have been handed out free, and some

sold. We must build a larger subscription base and then apply for second class mailing privileges to cut costs.

DISCUSSION - (Bale Rich) - the paper is distributed at working class political activities. Plants are distributed where the SL has members. The distribution at Duplate was very well received; at Douglas Aircraft there was more skepticism and some hostility, and at General Motors at Oshawa there was still more skepticism and resistance. Responses have varied and it is difficult to generalize them.

(Gord Doctorow) - People were cautious about subscribing at first, "maybe only one issue." We are now getting some income from subscriptions and some letters from subscribers. We need more subs to get second class mailing rights.

CIRCULATION REPORT moved and carried unanimously.

(BREAK)

⑤ MORGENTHALER REPORT - (Gus Tolentino) This is the most important sector for Women's Liberation in Canada, where struggle has crystallized around one individual. The LSA went wrong in 1972, when it dropped the slogan "Every mother a willing mother, every child a wanted child", which we retain. The LSA had to "feminise" it, to take it away from motherhood. They were dropping the repeal coalition aspect, and had no place for men in the movement. It is true that only women can really enforce this reform, but the LSA carried it into sectarianism. It sees the NDP as a bourgeois party and not as a vehicle. The Ottawa tribunal had a feminist tenor. We had to set the movement on a correct path, between the attacks of Otto Lang, and the efforts of ultralefts to confine the movement to working class women. Morgenthaler is a dedicated man. Attacks on him are attacks on a personification of the women's movement. The LSA failed to build a real coalition. In November, 1973, Morgenthaler was acquitted. This was reversed in April by government pressure, and the struggle recommenced. The government showed a spirit of vengeance against him. We needed to break the silence. We helped to set up the "Freedom of Choice" campaign, and its telegram

6) became a rallying point. The LSA helped in this. Morgenthaler made a partial tour including Vancouver. LSA then became inactive. Many members of the coalition were liberal types who would not sustain activity in the CARAL organization, which is now the repeal movement. There was an action by about 85 lobbyists at Ottawa. Womens Liberation has not been able to move many. The government will not repeal the abortion laws at this time. We have a prospect of long struggle. CARAL has hundreds of members. The LSA has not willed to build a coalition, so we must, and apparently we have done so.

DISCUSSION - (Dale Rick) - We are now able to build a broad coalition against the abortion laws. There is pressure from Otto Lang on the hospitals. The bourgeoisie are now turning on the pressure; formerly they allowed enough exceptions to weaken the movement. Eleanor Pelvine's meeting at York University was a big success, and a steering committee was set up. The LSA and YS are inactive, the Waffle and the RMG are boycotting the movement, the SL is trying to keep it growing and spreading.

(Carol Berry) The feminist tenor is bad when it becomes exclusive. Women's liberation is only one sector of our work.

(Gord Doctorow) Morgenthaler is a willing martyr, available to the movement. It is terrible that things haven't gone any further. The pro-life forces are losing strength, yet Otto Lang is able to extend his attacks.

(John Glenn) - the LSA is sectarian and pushing itself as the only party. An article on a Morgenthaler meeting in Labour Challenge only quoted the LSA speakers.

(Ellie Kingnes) - Comrade Pat Schultz is very active in day care work. The women comrades are involved in many women's issues. We proposed to the LSA to jointly agitate for a counter-ad to an advertisement of Right to Life. Instead the LSA ran an ad of its own. Also the LSA refused to support SL in trying to use the committee to raise funds for Morgenthaler's legal costs.

SUMMARY - (Gus Tolentino) There is no concrete cross country action planned at this time, but it is a possibility. We proposed holding a benefit, but the LSA wanted a demonstration instead. Herdi Fischer loves demonstrations. The rallies have been rather small. June Callwood spoke of "talking to the converted." The abortion issue is a hot potato and there is a tendency to shy

away from it. The campus women have had readier access to abortion than others. We had a wrangle with Heidi Fischer over talking to MP's who supported Right to Life. It is hard work and a long struggle ahead, and the LSA is beginning to realize this.

MORGENTHALER REPORT moved and carried unanimously.

(6) NDP report - (Abie Weisfeld). On leaving the LSA, we had the perspective of the NDP as an arena of struggle. We got 250 subs to Forward during the election period. A left wing formation has reappeared in both BC and Ontario. The Dykstra-Rodriguez document was reprinted in Forward. No actual caucus has been formed as yet, they are very cautious about this. The LSA has scarcely dealt with the statement, have not propagated it and are very low profile in the NDP structure. The BC document, the better one, declares that the NDP must be a movement and not an electoral machine. We differ from the LSA on the matter of a Women's Ministry in B.C. The Ontario statement has 70 signers and is growing. We published "Against Sectarianism" and have sold 150 copies out of 300 printed.

In the municipal campaign, we support the NDP candidates. There are some confrontations between LSA and NDP candidates; where there is no conflict we support the LSA candidates also. We have had problems, partly due to our limited forces. The NDP faction has not met very often.

DISCUSSION - (Julie Tolentino). We must raise the abortion issue in the NDP and tie it to the Morgenthaler case. There will be private member bills put forward to legalize abortion by Rodriguez and Leggett. The women in BC are much more militant than those in Ontario. There is hesitation about forming a caucus because of the Waffle experience. Stephen Lewis went up in the air when he read the Dykstra-Rodriguez statement. Several Waffle women have returned to the NDP, including Yvonne Tower.

(Art Gray) - In the Simcoe North riding there was no slump at the time of the election, the vote was increased, but activity has declined since, perhaps a delayed reaction. The success in Stormont indicates that the NDP is doing better than ever before in the smaller towns and rural areas of Southern Ontario, where a few years ago it was insignificant.

8. (Hugh Dowson) - at the OFL convention the paper had a good reception. The layoffs are striking home. There is crisis in the Waffle now, and a crisis in the NDP is coming. The labour ~~bsseaucrats~~ annoyed us by co-opting several left positions. The Stalinists ran four candidates, who did rather well. ~~They~~ The OFL set up an organization for the unemployed. The NDP will be the first stage of the radicalization.

NDP REPORT By Abie Weisfeld moved and carried unanimously.

(7) FINANCIAL REPORT - (Julie Tolentino) - Last March the organization had $70.99¢. Since then some $7,700 has come in from all sources. Pledges are up to $679 monthly. An office was rented for $125 a month. Some $1,500 has been spent on equipment. The telephone is $35 a month. In July the paper began, costing $500 an issue. Additional office space was secured and rent is now $90 a month. A fund drive was launched for Forward, which brought in $5,129 including pledges. There have been many giveaways of Forward. There was an initial outlay of $50 on books. The operations usually break about even. Pledges keep the movement operating. There is never a surplus in the bank. Several socials have given a total profit of about $75. The socials have to be built.

Dale is now paid $120 a month. By January we will have a full time organizer for $400 a month. There is no surplus. We need a bookstore and a larger and more comfortable headquarters, with offices, and a larger paper with a full time editor. We advertise by spreading our ideas. We must stress to people the necessity of a revolutionary party. We project expenses of $9,000 to come.

DISCUSSION (Ross Dowson) - On the problem of moving out of Toronto. First we require a firm base here. We have to get a staff.

(Harry Payne) - Our fund drive target of $4,000 was just a guess. We got over $1,000 in lump sums from comrades, and an unexpectedly good response from contacts.

(Gord Doctorow) - Other people are now showing more interest and confidence in us.

(Jim Mitchell) We need a much larger circulation to put Forward on a self sustaining basis, something like 2,500.

FINANCIAL REPORT moved and carried.

(8) ELECTION OF OFFICERS - We have a current executive of 9 members. We are nearly confined to Toronto, and are not a national movement at this time, so no slate of officers is proposed. Dale Rich was proposed for organizer, Gord Doctorow for secretary.

9) (Alice Klein) proposed a ten member executive.
(Jim Mitchell) - agreed. Many persons are often busy, and this gives a reasonable number for meetings.
(John Darling) - proposed a smaller executive. It would function better and the members would be more serious.
(Gord Doctorow) - Our situation is still in flux. It is good experience to be an executive member, we should have a ten member executive as before.
(Harry Payne) - The question is not so clear. A large executive tends to be too long winded. The executive is often bogged down in long debates.
(Ellie Kizner) - People should be able to get their work areas better organized. The executive is out of proportion to the size of the membership, it tends to be most of the active comrades.
(Ross Dowson) - The organization is not fledgeling, that period is over. A large executive will tend to dominate all the committees. The branch meets every week. We should not tie up ten comrades for a meeting every week, the executive should be smaller, five or six.
Ross moved that the executive should be six. Carried. Executive secretary ~~elect~~ is Gord Doctorow, Organizer Dale Rich. Four others to be elected from seven nominations. Three of present executive dropped off - Jim Mitchell, Pat Schultz, Harry Kopyto, all with time problems and business pressures.
Abie Weisfeld, Alice Klein, Wayne Roberts, Ellie Kizner, Ross Dowson, Juli Tobentino, John Darling stood.
(Art Gray) - Is it in order to nominate someone from outside Toronto? I nominate John Glenn.
(It was decided that the nomination was in order but John declined to stand.)
Vote taken.
NEW BUSINESS - 5 minutes alloted to John Glenn to speak on the TPT. It lasted several months, and had some negative aspects. There was an air of despondency before the debates. Some TPT members could not face political realities and dropped out. The LSA has gone deeper into its errors. We challenged them whether the line had been changed, and the executive never answered.
(Ross Dowson) - Problems continue. The RMG is still growing, and over 100 persons followed their banner in the Chile demonstration. We are the real nucleus of political activity, and of necessity other organizations will be drawn around us. We are not the "Party", only the NDP is the mass party of the working class; the Party is yet to be formed, we are the kernel of it. We need confidence in the Socialist Revolution, but we cannot do everything alone. There will be various experiences with other groupings.
EXECUTIVES ELECTED - Ross Dowson, Ellie Kizner, Wayne Roberts, Alice Klein.
CALENDAR - of Toronto events. Wednesday rally of Cupe on cost of living.
"INTERNATIONALE"
Adjourned 5:45 P.M.

Minutes from the Dec. 2 74 Branch Meeting

Secretary: Red
Chair :Levi
Sargeant at Arms: Cameron

Agenda: m/c to adopt the agenda as presented

Membership: m/c to recruit Stu S. into the Socialist League.

Attendance: absent w. reason: Ashley, Stone, Smith, Willis, Jones.

Minutes : 1. m/c to adopt the minutes from the Nov. 1 8 branch meeting.

2. m/c to adopt the minutes from the Nov. 24 confere nce o f the S.L.

Executive Report: reporter DEutsch

1. Deutsch reported on the S.L. conference.

2.A report was presented on a prelimin ary discussion which took place concerning the structure of fractions and committees.

3. Morgan is replacing Goldman as treasurer till the end of Goldman's leave of abscense. The NDP fraction will meet this week and elect an interim NDP co-ordinator to replace Goldman.

m /c to adopt the executive report

Social Report : reporter Cameron

Cameron reported on the upcoming New Year's social. The social will be held at t e Eastern Star Hall on Gerrard Street. The first notice will b e put out this week a nd be followed by another la ter. We need an attendanxe of about 100 for the party to be a success.

There will also be a sleigh ride social on New Year's day. The ride which will take place at Wilkett Creek Park will be followed by a reception at the home of Stone and Deutsch.

Sub Drive Report: Red reported on t he sub drive blitz held this past Saturday. WE attained 22 subs, atotal far short of the goal of 100. The total for the week was 35 subs.

Educational Report: 1. Morgan reported on the Middle East forum which is scheduled for D e c. 1 3. Schriebman will speak for the S.L.

m/c to refer to the executive a discussion as to how the forum should be ba lled.

2. Deutsch gave an evaluation of t he Moroz forum. Attendance at the forum was 35 although few people from the Moroz Defence Committee attended.

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after the break it was m/c that Mills give the internal tonight on problems of building the Morgentaler-abortion repeal movement.

Educational: Mills on the abortion repeal movement.

Hugo Blanco Tour: Red reported on the three Toronto meetings at which Blanco will speak. The York U. comrades have been active building the York meeting.

m /c that the Wed. night meeting at the Medical Sciences Auditorium be a branch mobilization.

New Business: Red gave a report on the upcoming Day Care meeting at St. Lawrence Hall.

Calendar

Adjournment ~~10.30~~ 10.30

Minutes of Executive Meeting --- December 8, 1974: 11:25 a.m.

1. Chairperson: Deutsch. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Red.

3. Minutes: m/c to ~~XXXXXX~~ adopt minutes of November 19.
m/c to adopt minutes of November 25.

4. Sub Renewals and Second-Class Mailing Rights:
-m/c to hold a meeting soon with Smith to discuss these issues

5. Fractions and Committees:
-m/c to have the following committees and fractions:
-Editorial Board (incorporating Publications Cttee)
-Educational Cttee
-Social Cttee
-Membership and Contacts Cttee
-Financial Cttee
-Women's Fraction
-NDP Fraction
-Campus Fraction
-Trade Union Fraction
-m/c to drop Latin American Cttee.
-m/c that cttees be responsible to branch with feedin to executive
-m/c that we reject that forums be the responsibility of the executive rather than that of the educational cttee.
-m/c that editorial board remain as is except that we drop Jennings because of his leave of absence
-m/c that Fraser be trade union coordinator
-m/c that Goldman be NDP coordinator and that Stone be interim coordinator until Goldman returns from leave of absence
-m/c that Red remain Campus Coordinator
-m/c that Volpe remain Women's Coordinator
-m/c that Financial Cttee be: Goldman, Morgan, and Deutsch
-m/c that ~~Ed~~ Educational Cttee be: Anderson, Levi, Deutsch, Lighthouse, and Morgan
-m/c that Social Cttee be: Cameron, Smith, Red, Dave, and Wilson
-m/c that Membership and Contacts Cttee be: Cameron, Deutsch, Volpe, and Mills
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Minutes of the Dec. 9/74 Branch Meeting

Secretary: Red
Chair: Anderson
S. at A.: Levi

Attendance: A. w R. : Smith, Schriebman, Stuart, Mills, Jennings, Willis, Morgan

Minutes : m/c that the secretary present a more worked out version of the minutes for presentation to the branch.

m /c to adopt the minutes from the Dec. 2 branch as corrected.

Executive Report: Deutsch reported that there would be no educational on tonights agenda.

1. Report on Committee and Fraction Structure

- The executive should meet bi-weekly so that executive comrades can put more effort into building the committees and fractions.

- The Latin American committee is being dropped as it is not necessary to have a structured committee to carry on the level of activity in this area.

- Included in the report is a proposal for the membership of committees and fractions as well as fraction co-ordinators.
The prposal is attached as an appendix to the minutes.

-Committee co-ordinators are to be elected by the committees.

--- The committee and fraction membership and fraction co-ordinatorships were elected as put forward by the executive.

m /c that Stone be interim N DP co-ordinator until Goldman returns from her leave.
m/c th t Goldman be treasurer
m/c that Morgan be assistant treasurer

2. Jennings leave of absence

m/c that Jennings be granted a leave of absence until the beginning of April.

3. Waffle Expulsion

-Morgan has recieved a letter from the W. Metro Waffle notifying him of his expulsion from the Waffle.
M/C that Morgan attend the W. Metro Waffle meeting to oppose the expulsion on the basis that we have a right to speak in the debate that is unfolding in the Waffle.

NDP Report : reporter Stone

- Stone reported on last week's NDP fraction meeting.

- The fraction felt that we should have involved ourselves more in the municipal elections by campaigning for the NDP candidates that ran.

- Comrades will participate in next week-end's provincial council meeting.

-The NDP women's committee will hold an open session at the council meeting.

- Comrades should try to raise some important issues such as NDP affiliation to CARAL, and the promotion of a series of actions in support of International Women's Year.

- Since the Revitalization Statement is not being pushed by its founders , M/C that the S.L. reproduce and circulate this statement by whatever means are necessary.
- M/C that we reproduce the Morgentaler article from Priorities.

M/C to adopt the NDP report.

Educational Report :

1. The upcoming Mideast forum,'Palestinians and Zionism at the crossroads', is being built broadly through postering and leafletting in both Jewish and Arab communities.

2. An evaluation was given of the last internal, Mills, on the Aborion Movement.

3. M/C that the next internal be given by Morgan on the current situation in the Waffle.

Social Report :

- Cameron reported further on the New Year's social.
M/C that we print tickets for the social.
M/C that the social committee discuss the problem of providing childcare.

Distribution Report: Red reported on last week's distributions.

New Business: 1. A brief report on the Goodyear elections noted that Vic H., and a militant slate lost the election by only 60 votes. A new election is being held because of election irregularities.

2. Kent reported on his trip to St. Catharines where he spoke to a meeting of 18 organized by Charles L. This meeting was the founding of the Brock Socialist Student's Coalition.

3. Red reported on the upcoming day of study at York.

Calendar

Adjournment moved and carried at 11 P.M.

Appendix;

The following slate was put forward by the executive and elected by the branch.

Editorial Board: Shier, Kent, Lighthouse, Smith, Jones, Morgan, Schriebman, Deutsch.

- the Publications Committee will be a sub-committee of the Ed Board.

Educational Committee : Levi, Anderson, Deutsch, Lighthouse, Morgan

Social Committee : Cameron, Red, Smith, Dave P., Wilson

Membership and Contacts Committee: Cameron, Deutsch, Volpe, Mills

Financial Committee: Goldman, Deutsch, Morgan

Fraction CO-ordinators: Women --- Volpe

NDP - --Goldman
Campus --- Red

Trade Union-- Chaplan

MINUTES OF THE December 16/74 Branch Meeting

Chair: Smith
Secretary: Red
S. at A.: Chaplin

Attendance: A w. R. Stone, Willi s, [illegible] D.P., Schriebman, Stuart, Shier, Volpe.

Minutes: m/c to adopt the minutes from the Dec. 9 branch meeting.

Agenda: m/c to adopt the agenda as presented.

Membership Report: Charles L. has informally asked to join the S.L.
m/c to table further discussion on Charlie's recruitment until the Membership and Contacts Ctte. has a discussion with Charlie.

Social Report: Red reported on preparations for the upcoming New Year's social.

Education Committee Report: Anderson reporter

1. Anderson outlined a projected series of external classes dealing with the Marxist view on different aspects of Culture and Society.

m/c that there be aclass every Friday evening starting on Jan. 17 with the exception of nights when forums are scheduled.

m/c that the lineup include classes on Art, Law, Psychiatry, Trade Unions, and Science.

2. m/c that we schedule a forum on Jan. 24 with speakers from the Law Union.

- we are investigating Carpenter's Hall as a site for our forums.
- the forum will focus on the role of radical lawyers in the struggle for social change.
- Barb Jackman and David Cole will speak for the Law Union.

3. Other proposals for forums suggested by the reporter included Guyana, and the non-Zionist Jewish Alliance.

4. m/c that the next internal discuss the last issue of Forward.
m/c that Morgan give this forum
m/c that the internal intwo weeks be on the non-Zionist Jewish Alliance.
m/c to refer to the educational committee the idea of having an internal on pensions and their importance to the trade union movement.

NDP Report: Deutsch reported on the provincial council meeting.

m/c to refer this report back to the NDP ctte. for further discussion before its presentation to the branch.

Educational: Morgan on the Waffle

New Business:

1. Red reported on the recent mee ing of the Ctte. for Justice to Latin American political prisoners.
- There were more than 30 people in attendance, half of them Latin Americans, indicating that the ctte. has been revitalized.
- the C.L.A. is now moving into Argentinian Defense Work.

m/c to refer to the executive for discussion the question of our role in the C.L.A.

2. Red reported on last week's paper distributions

3. Red reported on activities on the York Campus.
The Socialist League participated with a leaflet and verbal inteventions into a mass meeting of 1,000 staff, students, and faculty held to discuss the budget crisis.

m/c to grant Lighthouse a leave of absence from Dec. 20 -31
m/c to grant Anderson a leave of absence from Dec. 20 to Jan. 13.

Calendar:
Adjournment:

Minutes of the Dec. 30/74 B ranch Meeting

Chairma Cameron
Secretaryt Red
S. at A.: Kent

Attendance: A w. R.: Mills, Go ldman, Jennings, Smith, Volpe, Shier, Chaplan White, Lighthouse, Levi, Stone, Anderson, Paddy

M/C to seat Mazdan

Minutes: M/C to adopt the minutes from the Dec. ~~16~~ 16/74 branch.

Agenda: M/C to adopt the agenda.

Executive Report: - Red reported on the latest developments in the Waffle.
- The Laxer group has released a statement outlining their reasons for leaving the Waffle and their programme for their intervention in the class struggle and nationalist milieu.

M/C that we should set up a meeting with the Cook-North tendency which has split fromthe Waffle following the Dec. 15 Waffle convention.

- A report was given on Charles L.'s informal application for membership in the S.L.

Social Report: -Cameron reported that everything is well organized and ready to go for the New Year's social. and elaborated on assignments for the social.

Campus Report: - Red reported on the campus fraction meeting of last week, our first such meeting.
-After a discussion of the budget crises facing Ontario universities this year, it was decided that the York comrades should put out a call for a united front of all interest groups to fight the Cutbacks.
-Red was struck off to send a letter to the Brock Socialist Student's Coalition thanking them for inviting Kent to speak at Brock and proposing further collaboration between them and us.
- The fraction intends to build up a campus operation at the campuses where we have comrades or sympathizers. Specifically, we will attempt to carry regularized literature tables at York, U. of T., McMaster, and perhaps BROck.
- Campus fraction meetings will be held on a regularized basis in the future.

Ed ucational: M/c by Kent that we have a hatbox.

Educational Report: Deutsch moved that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~next week's internal be on our work in the Jewish non-Zionist ctte. and be given by Devi.- Carried.

-M/C that Willis give the first introductory class on materialism vs. idealism on Jan.14.
-M/C that Kent give the second ~~xxx~~ class on Art on Jan. 31.

M/C to adopt the educational report.

New Business: 1. Red reported on the upcoming Berrigan tour which is organized by the Moroz Defence Ctte. andthe Ukrainian student groups. We are going to sponsor the tour and participate in it.

Calendar:

Adjournment: